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Smriti Mandhana has been named by TIME magazine among this year's 100 most influential people in sports, the only Indian to be featured on the list

New SoP for elephant camps in Karnataka

Following the tragedy at Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu, Karnataka's forest department has introduced a detailed standard operating procedure (SoP) for all 14 elephant camps. The SoP is clear that these camps are not entertainment venues and visitors must maintain a safe distance from elephants at all times, **reports Niranjan Kaggere**. P 4

TIMES TECHIES

Taking DPI to the world

Nandan Nilekani, Infosys chairman & founding chairman of UIDAI, S Rajagopalan, professor at IIIT-Bangalore, and Pramod Varma, one of the principal architects of Aadhaar & UPI, are leading an initiative to take India's digital public infrastructure (DPI) experience to the world. | P 18

Man called to meet lover, killed; 2 held

Married and father of three, a shop owner (38) from Greater Noida was allegedly assaulted and poisoned to death after he was called to Bulandshahr to meet the woman he was in a relationship with for two years. Police held two people. P 7

Women now make up 25% of investors

As per the NSE Market Pulse Reports of April and May 2026, female investors accounted for around 25% of its individual investor base in 2026, continuing a steady upward trend since FY23. Northeastern states exceed 29%, surpassing the national average. TNN

Woman held in MP sex racket HIV+

After police busted a sex racket in MP's Bhind that lured men into blackmail, extortion and false rape threats, and arrested four, they found that one of two women held was undergoing treatment for HIV. Police urged victims to get tested. P 12

TOI HEALTH+

Vaping: From 'safe alternative' to a new nicotine epidemic

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With Trump listening, PM says seafarers must be protected

'Lack Of Trust, Respect For Int'l Law In World'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The world suffers from a shortage of trust, not resources, and mutual trust is the most important strategic asset today, said PM Narendra Modi addressing an outreach session at G7 in France. Seated next to US President Donald Trump in the meeting, he said it's important that sea lanes are kept safe and seafarers are able to perform their duties without fear, in an apparent reference to the killing of three Indian sailors by US.

"It is our responsibility to protect seafarers who connect all countries through maritime trade," the PM said.

Welcoming the progress in Iran-US talks, Modi said, "Due to this conflict, our friendly countries in West Asia have suffered loss of life and property. The entire world economy was damaged, many Indian civilians lost their lives."

Modi also said that lack of respect for international law was the biggest hurdle to building international solidarity, and needed to be addressed.

He also stressed international partnerships needed to prioritise dialogue and diplomacy, and must be linked to dignity, not dependency, and added that in an uncertain world, trade and technology were being misused for narrow interests, leading to a trust deficit in the international arena.

▶Principle of humanity, P 10

MODI-TRUMP BILATERAL TODAY

- A formal Modi-Trump bilateral is expected on Wednesday. This was their first meeting since Modi's visit to White House in Feb last year
- Modi also had bilaterals with UK PM Keir Starmer and UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- After meeting Starmer, PM said they discussed ways to work closely in areas like innovation, AI, skill development, sports and more. 'We also discussed how to increase investment linkages'

Photo: PTI

Meeting after 16 months, Modi and Trump greeted each other with a handshake

Modi, Carney discuss trade pact, energy

PM Modi had a formal bilateral meeting with Canadian PM Mark Carney. Both reaffirmed the joint commitment to conclude the negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement at an early date, with Carney saying the deadline is to complete it by the G20 summit in Dec.

Modi also said Canada can become an important energy security partner for India, as the leaders reviewed progress in bilateral economic cooperation, including developments in commercial arrangements relating to LNG, LPG and metallurgical coal. The two PMs agreed to launch negotiations on a general security of information agreement. P 6

Govt: Telegram to be blocked till day after NEET retest

Apple, Google Begin Pulling App Off Their Stores

Manash Gohain & Aabhas Sharma | TNN

New Delhi: The Centre has ordered that access to messaging app Telegram be restricted across India until June 22, a step National Testing Agency (NTA) said is meant to shield candidates appearing in NEET-UG 2026 re-examination on June 21 from cheating rackets operating on the platform.

Acting on the directive, Apple and Google have begun pulling Telegram from their India app stores. Google had already taken it off the Play Store by the time this report was filed, though it was still available on Apple's App Store. Queries sent to both companies went unanswered.

Ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) issued the directive on Tuesday under Section 69A of IT Act, covering the NEET test day and its immediate aftermath.

▶Curbs to end, P 10

'Paper leak accused can take retest'

A Delhi court Tuesday granted interim bail to NEET-UG paper leak accused Yash Yadav to enable him to appear for re-test and attend his sister's wedding ceremony. Special judge Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Courts, while allowing the bail plea, said Yadav's "rights as a student can't be defeated by denial of the opportunity to appear in exam". P 6

Ignou question papers leaked on messaging app?

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New Delhi: Question papers of several subjects in Ignou's ongoing June-July 2026 term-end exams were allegedly on sale on messaging app Telegram, prompting the university headquarters to formally alert regional centres across the country about touts selling papers for Rs 199, though no paper has been cancelled so far, **TOI** has learnt. The university said it found no evidence of a leak.

Meanwhile, centres across the country were allegedly given the wrong question paper for a PG exam.

In a communication to regional directors on June 4, the university's student evaluation division said it had received complaints from learners regarding individuals claiming to possess question papers and offering them for sale online.

▶No evidence, P 6

No dip in grain output in last 2 deficit rain years

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New Delhi: El Niño — a climatic phenomenon associated with weak monsoon in India — may pose a risk for farming operations this year, but what provides hope is that the country could effectively manage its impact in 2023 when India reported 'below normal' rainfall due to strong El Niño. The year 2015, which saw a drought due to severe El Niño, was the last year when foodgrain output dipped on account of the phenomenon.

India saw record foodgrain output in 2018, which reported 'below normal' rain due to other climatic factors.

▶35% rain deficit, P 12

Speaker to hear all sides, experts to decide TMC rebels' claim they're NCPI

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hear Trinamool Congress and consult legal experts before deciding on the TMC rebel MPs' submission that they be recognised as members of Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), an obscure party helmed by Shewli Kundu who resigned as president last month to pave way for its apparent takeover.

Amid claims and counter-claims by both factions, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, the fourth-term MP who has emerged as the face of the TMC rebellion, said NCPI has already agreed to the merger of rebel MPs. She also said two more TMC MPs could join her flock. TNN

▶No clarity yet, P 15

Split buzz: 6 UBT MPs in Delhi today

There were reports Tuesday that six of Uddhav Thackeray's nine LS MPs may reach Delhi Wednesday, as would deputy CM Eknath Shinde, and one had been promised a ministerial berth. P 10

Mamata moves HC against Suvendu win

TMC chief Mamata Banerjee moved Calcutta HC Tuesday challenging CM Suvendu Adhikari's win against her from Bhowanipore in the assembly polls, alleging bias and counting irregularities. P 15

'Intimidation' row ahead of Rahul's Kota trip

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: A political controversy erupted in Rajasthan ahead of leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi's scheduled visit to Kota Wednesday, with former CM Ashok Gehlot accusing Lok Sabha Speaker and Kota MP Om Birla's office of trying to derail the Congress programme.

Gehlot alleged that coaching institutes were being "intimidated and threatened" through warnings about alleged shortcomings at their centres and possible consequences.

▶Coaching centres, P 15

Is laying B'luru roads rocket science, KBG asks top civic officials

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Thirteen days late in taking charge on Tuesday, Bengaluru development minister Krishna Byre Gowda got cracking on the first day, posing three critical questions in a meeting with the city's civic officials, including the GBA chief and commissioners of the five city corporations: "Is road-making in Bengaluru a rocket science? Why is it so difficult to have pothole-free roads? And why has pothole-filling become such a big business?"

The tough questions came during the minister's first review meeting with officials of Greater Bengaluru Authority, signalling road quality and accountability will be high on his agenda. The minister's remarks equally reflect the growing frustration of Bengaluru residents with civic infrastructure.

'Focus on outskirts'

"Focus on peripheral areas of the city... Historically, you (officials) have invested in infrastructure in the core areas. All the problems are in the peripheral areas... —KBG

▶Periphery infra, P 5

Govt: No cough syrup sale sans prescription

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New Delhi: Buying cough syrup without a doctor's prescription may no longer be possible after the Centre withdrew a decades-old exemption that allowed certain syrup formulations to be sold under relaxed regulatory conditions.

The change comes months after contaminated cough syrups linked to child deaths in MP triggered a WHO alert. The health ministry has amended the Drugs Rules, 1945 by removing "syrups" from Schedule K. Lozenges, pills and tablets for cough, however, continue to remain on the exempted list.

▶Loophole plugged, P 12

'Give ex gratia or we'll pass order': SC to 2 Gzb hosps in rape-murder victim case

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday asked two Ghaziabad hospitals, accused of refusing to treat a semi-conscious minor rape victim who died on way to a govt hospital, whether they would voluntarily compensate her parents or await it to determine the quantum of compensation.

The SC-constituted SIT found credence in the father's charge that two private hospitals — Khajan Singh Manvi Health Care and St Joseph Hospital — refused to provide immediate treatment to the sexually assaulted four-year-old, who was seriously injured. She succumbed to injuries while being taken to govt hospital. TNN

▶Aggravated assault, P 7

IN THE COURTS

- Moved by the **pitiable condition of an 80-year-old woman and her blind son in a remote Odisha village**, SC directs the govt to extend all benefits under welfare schemes to them | P 15
- With more than 3cr people with disabilities in India, **SC seeks response from the Centre and states on a PIL seeking registration of each of them** to avail benefits under the RPwD Act and Mental Healthcare Act
- Madras HC **bins PIL seeking CBI probe into the alleged corruption and horse-trading** in the resignation of four AIADMK MLAs | P 12

TMC, Sena (UBT) flux: Bid to boost NDA nos. in LS for women's bill?

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New Delhi: "Our party is not about MPs and MLAs. They come and go, but our party belongs to its cadres. Let our time come and we will show how parties are broken up," said Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Tuesday in remarks that came across as much an acknowledgement of the split threat his party faces as a warning to BJP.

While his warning remains in the realm of uncertainty, there is a growing view in political circles that govt can bring back its bill to roll out quota for women in Lok Sabha and assemblies from 2029, with nearly 50% rise in seats of legislatures, in Parliament's monsoon session, expected in the second half of July, on the back of more desertion from opposition's camp .

▶May be tweaked, P 12

OUTREACH TO DMK

- Besides the backing of TMC and Sena (UBT) rebels, govt is looking to **enlist the support of DMK, which is no longer part of the opposition INDIA bloc**, sources in NDA said
- **Delimitation bill and recent 3-language mandate for Class 9** may be suitably tweaked to placate the TN party's concerns, they said

Couples face wait as funds dry up for K'taka inter-caste marriage scheme

Basavaraj Maralihalli | TNN

Haveri: A state govt scheme designed to encourage inter-caste marriages to help reduce caste barriers is facing a severe fund shortage, leaving thousands of eligible couples high and dry.

Social welfare department received 15,575 applications for aid under the scheme between 2023-24 and 2025-26. Of these, 3,781 couples received the first instalment of Rs 1.5 lakh. Others are awaiting initial payment. Officials said applications have risen in recent years as acceptance of inter-caste marriages has grown, but fund allocation did not improve.

▶₹200 cr needed, P 5

K'taka's tightrope walk over welfare & devpt

Chethan Kumar & Santhosh Kumar M | TNN

Karnataka appears to have struck a delicate balance between funding its flagship guarantee schemes and continuing to invest in long-term growth, an analysis of state finance data amid govt's attempts to audit some of the schemes, shows.

While annual allocations towards the five guarantees have stabilised at around Rs 51,000 crore, accounting for 11.5-14.2% of the budget over the past four years, capital expenditure has continued to rise, touching Rs 92,456 cr in 2025-26 (revised estimates) and projected to cross Rs 1 lakh crore in 2026-27. The state's ability to sustain both has been supported by strong growth and improving revenues. Its economy expanded from Rs 11.2 lakh crore in 2020-21 to Rs 17.2 lakh cr in 2025-26 (revised estimates). P3

₹5.9cr for Kempegowda Jayanti fete in K'taka

CM DK Shivakumar Tuesday announced Rs 1 lakh each for all 224 assembly constituencies and 369 wards — Rs 5.9 crore in total — in Bengaluru for celebrations of Kempegowda Jayanti on June 27. Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byre Gowda, KJ George and Byrathi Suresh will lead processions from city's four Kempegowda towers. Shivakumar also announced a town-planning college named after Kempegowda at VTU. TNN

Beautiful game, ugly Cup: Several teams face brunt of US paranoia, oppressive security

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: In a dazzling display of footballing resilience, Iran's national football team managed a creditable 2-2 draw against New Zealand in Los Angeles. It was a remarkable feat, considering the squad was operating under a logistical itinerary seemingly designed by Franz Kafka and implemented by the Department of Homeland Security.

Iran is far from alone in its grievances. A dark cloud of institutional paranoia hangs over the tournament. Multiple visiting teams, including Uruguay and Senegal, have complained about heavy-handed policing, oppressive and intrusive security measures, and restrictive movements that leave players feeling less like elite athletes and more like high-value detainees.

IANS

An Iran fan in LA ahead of the country's tie against New Zealand

GOAL RUSH: P 19 & 20

▶'A disaster for us', P 19

Shared past: Goa rejoices in Cabo Verde's stunning debut

Panaji: Cabo Verde's dream World Cup debut is being cheered across the world. But the performance resonated extra bright in distant Goa — a strange umbilical cord joining two former Portuguese colonies through a love of football, music and saudade, that unique emotion of melancholic longing, **reports Marcus Mergulhao**.

Father Pereira

The link extends deeper through Goan missionaries who travelled to Cabo before the Goa's liberation in 1961 and continued to work there. Nobody establishes this connection better than Fr Caetano Francisco Piedade Pimenta Pereira, who spent five decades in Cabo Verde, helping build 40 chapels, and has the country's largest avenue named after him in the capital, Praia. When he died in Rome in 2007, his funeral rites were performed in Praia, as per his wishes.

▶Will be special, P 6

Staffer throws showroom party, loots ₹4cr jewels

Tanishq employee Nitin Verma (23), his girlfriend (22) and his father (52) were held for stealing jewellery worth over Rs 4 crore from the brand's Raj Nagar District Centre showroom, Ghaziabad, on June 12, **reports Avishek Kumar**.

Nitin had been working there for one-and-a-half months. A day before the theft, he organised a party at the showroom, telling colleagues his marriage had been finalised. He allegedly got the cashier, who had the showroom's keys, heavily drunk and later took the keys. The next morning, "it took just 25 minutes to carry out the theft," police said. P 6

South's chief ministers declare 29 times more wealth than North

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Bengaluru: Chief ministers from the five southern states and Puducherry account for nearly 84% of the total assets declared by all chief ministers across the country.

Data from Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) reports and recent election affidavits show that the combined declared assets of chief ministers across India's states and Union territories stand at Rs 3,613 crore.

Of this, the southern bloc comprising Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, and Puducherry accounts for a staggering Rs 3,028 crore.

In sharp contrast, chief ministers from nine Hindi heartland states and Union territories — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Delhi — have declared combined assets of Rs 104 crore. This means the six southern leaders possess 29 times the wealth of their nine northern counterparts combined.

▶Urban land values, P 7

ASSET CLASS: LAND, BIZ AND FILMS

- Karnataka chief minister DK **Shivakumar and his family** own land valued at ₹1,140 crore. The assets are either acquired or inherited as ancestral property

- Andhra Pradesh CM N **Chandrababu Naidu** has ₹763 cr worth of assets only in shares of one company – Heritage Foods — with wife as VP

- **C Joseph Vijay** has a whopping ₹213 crore in a single savings bank account

(Details based on their election affidavits of 2023, 2024 and 2026)

BangaloreTime

Nolan, Damon & Holland set for Mumbai visit

EXCLUSIVE

'I try not to box myself into one stereotype or genre'

VIJAY RAGHAVENDRA AND SRIIMURALI'S MOTHER JAYAMMA PASSES AWAY

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Women take charge at Indira Lankesh's final farewell

When Esha Lankesh led the last rites, she did more than bid farewell to her grandmother

POV

Man tries to get free 5G upgrade, ends up with ₹15L loan

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Bengaluru: A 50-year-old private firm employee was duped by a cyber fraudster posing as an executive of a telecom service provider company who offered to upgrade his 4G sim to 5G. By converting the sim into an e-sim, the fraudster hacked the victim's email, mobile number and bank account. A Rs 15-lakh loan was fraudulently obtained through the victim's bank account, and Rs 2.1 lakh was siphoned off in just 30 minutes.

According to the complaint filed by Jacob (name changed), a resident of Victoria Layout, the incident happened on June 13 when he received a call from 7295085693 around 3pm. The caller claimed to be an executive of a telecom service provider company and offered to upgrade the victim's mobile connection from a 4G to a 5G sim, Jacob said.

The fraudsters collected the embedded identity document (EID) number and converted his mobile number into an e-sim. Soon after, the fraudster gained control of the victim's email account, mobile number and banking credentials.

The fraudster subsequently obtained a loan of Rs 15 lakh in the victim's name through his bank account without his knowledge. Of the sanctioned amount, Rs 14.6 lakh was credited to the victim's account, and almost Rs 2.2 lakh was siphoned off by 3.30pm.

Realising that his account had been compromised, the victim complained to the cyber helpline and bank. On June 15, he approached the central cyber crime police and lodged a complaint.

A senior police officer said while converting his physical sim to an e-sim, the individual has an option to select the device.

The fraudsters took advantage of this option and selected their device to convert and activate the e-sim. They also hacked the banking credentials and took an instant loan from the bank. Before they siphoned off the entire loan amount, the victim realised it was a fraud and filed a complaint.

A case has been registered under Information Technology Act and BNS Section 318 (cheating). Investigation is on to trace the accused and freeze the money in their mule bank accounts, the police officer added.

STAY AWARE, STAY SAFE

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- Don't share EID number, OTP, sim verification code or any banking credentials with anyone over phone calls, sms, WhatsApp or email
- Telecom companies generally do not initiate unsolicited calls asking customers to convert their physical sim to e-sim
- Before proceeding with any sim upgrade request, verify it through the telecom provider's official customer care number or nearest service centre
- If your network suddenly stops working, contact telecom operator immediately
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) on email and banking accounts using authentication app
- Never click on links or install applications sent by unknown callers claiming themselves to be customer care executives
- If you suspect sim-swap or e-sim fraud, immediately block your sim, change passwords of your email and online bank accounts, inform your bank representative, and report incident to national cyber crime helpline by calling 1930

Woman spots phone in bathroom vent, cops question neighbour

Times News Network

Bengaluru: A private firm employee's alertness helped uncover an alleged attempt to secretly record women in the bathroom of a paying guest accommodation in Bhoganahalli, near Bellandur.

Roopa (name changed), who has been residing at a co-living PG for the past two months, told police that on June 14 at 4.30pm, she noticed a white iPhone placed inside the bathroom air vent.

Suspecting that someone was recording her, she left the bathroom and alerted the PG caretaker at 4.39pm.

The caretaker knocked on the door of a room adjacent to the complainant's room. After a brief delay, the occupant came out and denied any wrongdoing. However, during further questioning, he admitted to have placed his phone on the bathroom vent, Roopa told police.

iPhone sent to FSL to check if data deleted

The suspect was brought to Bellandur police station, where his mobile phone was examined.

A senior officer said, "We didn't find the complainant's bathing video on his phone. There is a possibility that he deleted the video or she spotted the phone before he recorded anything. We have sent the phone to Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to retrieve data if any was deleted."

K-Rera's battle for financial autonomy runs into govt wall

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Bengaluru: Karnataka's real estate regulator is not really facing a shortage of funds, but it is increasingly losing control over its own regulatory corpus.

While Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-Rera) continues to generate steady revenue through project and agent registrations, penalties and various fees, its ability to independently decide how these funds are utilised has gradually diminished. Control over the regulator's dedicated fund has increasingly shifted to state govt, raising concerns about K-Rera's operational autonomy.

The K-Rera Regulatory Fund — a dedicated account mandated under Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act-2016 — is meant to ensure the authority's financial self-sufficiency. The fund was designed to allow the regulator to independently hire staff, process complaints, and manage day-to-day operations without relying on state budget allocations. However this structure has effectively been altered over time. The shift began on March 30, 2019, when govt took over Rera receipts of around Rs 44 crore, classifying them under a "revision fund". From April 2019, all collections under the Rera framework began flowing into state-controlled accounts, with expenditure for the authority later released through annual budgetary allocations.

Under Section 75 of the Act, the authority was originally expected to function through a dedicated, self-managed Regulatory Fund.

Officials and internal communications point out that subsequent finance department instructions in 2021 further formalised the arrangement by moving balances into non-interest-bearing reserve accounts and routing all expenditure through the state budget head. This, officials argue, has effectively "removed direct operational control" over its own fund — shifting K-Rera from a self-sustaining regulator to a budget-dependent body.

The impact is visible on the ground: Delayed recruitment, slower legal and expert consultations, mounting complaint backlogs, and constraints in strengthening basic infrastructure. The authority has shot off letters between March 2021 and July 2022, but officials say there has been no resolution.

The matter reached the high court in 2021, where concerns were raised over handling of the regulatory fund. The high court directed the govt to "retrace and fall in line with other neighbouring states so that autonomy to the authority would emerge," underscoring the need to restore financial independence.

Despite the order, officials say the budgetary system continues, with state govt funding salaries, maintenance and operations. As of March 2026, K-Rera has collected Rs 85 crore in regulatory revenue.

In a fresh communication to the chief secretary, the authority has again sought urgent restoration of control over the regulatory fund.

State govt officials and Rera chairman Rakesh Singh were unavailable for comments.

WHAT BOTTLENECKS AUTHORITY IS FACING

Consultant hiring powers under scrutiny
K-Rera pointed out restrictions on hiring external experts in legal, technical and financial domains. Earlier, the authority could engage consultants based on operational needs. However, after a govt communication in Feb 2024, such appointments now require prior state approval, leading to delays in complaint resolution and impacting the mandated 60-day disposal timeline

Fee revision proposal pending since 2022
Authority raised concerns over stagnant registration fees under 2017 Rules. A proposal for revision, submitted on Aug 24, 2022, is still awaiting approval. Officials say current fee structure is inadequate to meet rising administrative and technology costs

Staff pay, fiscal circular dispute
K-Rera sought exemption from Dec 2023 finance department circular restricting outsourced wages to minimum levels without prior approval. The authority argues that since it functions on self-generated regulatory fees and penalties — not state budget funds — it should have flexibility in remuneration to retain skilled manpower. Since inception, K-Rera has imposed penalties of about Rs 225 crore, including nearly Rs 40 crore in 2023-24 alone

Staffing & vehicles still unresolved
Authority says revised Cadre and Recruitment Rules, resubmitted in Aug 2022 after incorporating govt's feedback, are still awaiting approval, stalling permanent recruitment. A revised project registration certificate format (Form-C), cleared internally in Dec 2022, also remains pending formal amendment. Of 81 sanctioned permanent posts, only six officers are on deputation. On the vehicle front, the govt has approved only one of four requested vehicles, citing non-fulfilment of disposal criteria for existing ones.

'Nonsense': HM stops closure of 66 rowdy-sheets post controversy

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Calling the move to close case sheets against 66 rowdies in the state "complete nonsense", home minister Priyank Kharge Tuesday instructed police department to rectify and fix the mistakes.

Priyank told reporters, "I've spoken to the police commissioner and asked him to check how this blunder occurred. Closing 66 rowdy-sheets, among which 8 to 10 rowdies are notorious, is nonsense."

The controversy started after Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority recently issued an order to close rowdy-sheets against 66 rowdy elements citing procedural lapses and non-compliance with high court's guidelines.

Police commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said, "Seven rowdy-sheets are from Bengaluru; five of them have been given notices. The remaining are from across the state. We are verifying it with our legal advisers. So far, there was no problem. Based on the legal cell's recommendation, the next course of action will be taken. I will discuss the issue with the DG&IGP. The matter is sensitive; it involves the judiciary and the rowdies."

"The reasons behind the removal of rowdy-sheets are being examined," Singh said. "We will verify whether there was any lapse on the part of police during the process," he said, adding activities of rowdy elements in the city remain under control.

A senior officer said they have sought legal opinion whether KSPCA has powers to issue the closure order.

All about rowdy-sheets

Rowdy-sheets are opened based on reports prepared by a police inspector and approved by the deputy superintendent of police or assistant commissioner of police. To close such sheets, the superintendent of police or deputy commissioner of police must pass an order based on the report filed by officers concerned.

Students anxious as no news on CBSE compartment exam

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Bengaluru: While the chaos around CBSE's revaluation results continues, there is yet another group that is affected by the mess — the students placed under compartment.

CBSE has yet not opened the portal for students under compartment, who have failed to pass the exam, to apply. The process is that students have to apply for the compartment exam through the school, which will in turn have to upload the names and apply. However, schools have received no intimation regarding this.

"We have four students in compartment. The parents and students are getting anxious as days go by. They now even fear that a second exam might not happen. What do we tell them? We have no information about it," said a school principal.

"This time, the number of students who are in compartment is more as the pass percentage has dropped. These students have been inquiring about the compartment exam. Usually, such students at least have a chance of getting in the second cycle of admissions if they clear the papers. But, with the delay in the papers, even that seems distant," said another principal.

Sandeep M Pai, chairman of Bengaluru Sahodaya, said: "Many students are hoping to clear the exam by July and move on to the next phase. It would have been ideal if CBSE could at least give an update on when they can expect the next steps."

"There is also no news of the second exam of class 10 and revaluation marks of class 12. CBSE is losing its credibility. We had parents' orientation recently, and they were questioning us about the recent issues," said another principal.

A CBSE official said they will share an update soon, and students should check website for updates.

Pic for representation

UPDATE SOON?

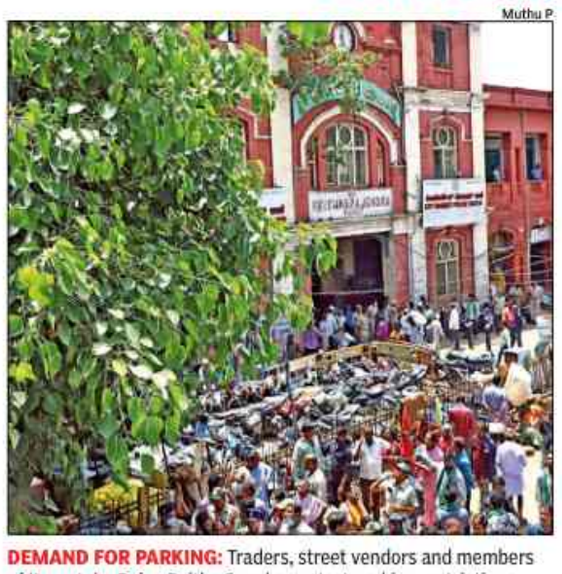
Over 1k students in B'luru placed in compartment

Students placed in compartment are those who failed to get pass mark or those who were absent for exams.

In Bengaluru region, there are 1,025 students placed in compartment. The highest number of students in compartment is in Prayagraj region (20,841), followed by Noida (15,043), Patna (13,368), Dehradun (12,191) and Lucknow (10,339). In all, there are over 1.6 lakh students in compartment, as per a press release by CBSE.

RAISING VOICE FOR BASICS

Muthu P.



DEMAND FOR PARKING: Traders, street vendors and members of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha protest parking restrictions, vehicular movement curbs and arbitrary vendor evictions at KR Market Tuesday. Bengaluru Central City Corporation commissioner G Jagadeesha assured them of a plan to designate vending spaces without inconveniencing them and shoppers

MacBooks, iPhone worth ₹6.6L stolen

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Stepping out for coffee early in the morning turned costly for two housemates when thieves struck at their house on 19th Main, NGR Layout in Roopenna Agrahara and made away with gadgets and valuables worth around Rs 6.6 lakh.

Karthik N, 26, and Tarun, both private firm employees, were staying in a rented house. Karthik and Tarun had each been provided a MacBook by their companies for their work.

Karthik checked his belongings at 3am on June 13 before going to sleep.

Around 6.45am, Tarun stepped out to have coffee and left the house door unlocked. Karthik was asleep in another room at the time.

When Tarun returned around 7.15am, he found two MacBooks worth about Rs 5 lakh, iPhone costing Rs 1.3 lakh, iWatch worth approximately Rs 25,000 and a wallet containing cash and identity cards were missing.

No HC relief for BDA secretary against KIC orders

Times News Network

Bengaluru: The high court has refused to interfere with disciplinary action recommended by Karnataka Information Commission against CL Shivakumar, secretary of Bangalore Development Authority and also an appellate authority under RTI Act.

Shivakumar challenged the two orders passed by KIC — first, passed in Jan 2026 imposing Rs 25,000 as cost for failure to furnish the information; second, in Feb 2026, recommending disciplinary action against him.

The petitioner argued he took charge as BDA secretary on May 8, 2025, and the order directing providing information preceded that date.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj pointed out from May 8, 2025, till KIC passed the orders, there was sufficient time available for Shivakumar to take action in terms of the earlier directions. Hence, his conduct cannot be approved of.

The judge granted liberty to BDA to initiate action against Shivakumar's predecessor on alleged failure to perform duties.

Suresh Chandra , applicant in the case, was not provided information sought by him. He approached the BDA secretary, the first appellate authority. As the proceedings remained inconclusive, Babu approached KIC for relief.

Since there was no appearance by the BDA secretary on multiple occasions, KIC was prompted to impose a penalty and issue direction for initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

KHB official with assets worth ₹5cr among 8 raided

Bengaluru: Lokayukta raided eight govt officials Tuesday after booking cases of disproportionate assets against them. Rajanna SL, additional director, town planning, Karnataka Housing Board in Bengaluru, topped the chart with assets of Rs 5 crore.

The other raided officials are Uday Kumar MB (AEE, Bescom, Yelahanka with assets of Rs 4 crore), Harshavardhan PN (DCF, Davanagere, Rs 2.7 crore), N Siddeshwar Hebbal (chief mechanical engineer, NWKRTC, Rs 2.6 crore), Sanna Kenchappa (superintendent engineer, KRIDL, Belagavi, Rs 2.5 crore), Manik S Kanakatte (superintendent engineer, PWD Kalaburagi, Rs 4.9 crore) KS Mohan, assistant conservator of forests, Chikkamagaluru, Rs 3.6 crore), Krishna Naik LA (secretary to Bayaluseeme Area Development Board, Chitradurga, Rs 2.5 crore). TNN

Purple monsoon: Jamun glut sweeps markets

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Markets across Bengaluru are awash in deep purple this monsoon, with jamun flooding stalls and roadside carts in a seasonal surge that has made the fruit one of the most visible — and affordable — arrivals of the season. From KR Market and Jayanagar to Malleswaram, Shivajinagar, KR Pura and Varthur, heaps of glossy, tart-sweet berries are now dominating market corners after a sharp spike in arrivals over the past week.

Unlike previous years, when traders said sourcing the fruit was relatively difficult, this season has seen a clear glut, driven by a strong harvest supported by favourable climatic conditions in rural Karnataka and steady inflows from neighbouring states. Despite nearly doubling arrivals at major wholesale hubs compared to previous years, prices have largely remained stable.

Depending on size and quality, wholesalers are selling jamun at Rs 20–Rs 30 for a quarter kilogram, while retail pushcart vendors are pricing it between Rs 25 and Rs 35.

"Jamun is a quick fruit with very less shelf life. It just comes like a flash and disappears just as quickly. However, this season we have been flooded with more stock than we can sell in a day! Even people are buying less due to widespread availability," said Sudhakar S from Shakthivel Fruit Mundy in KR Market.

In some upscale localities, jamun is still priced around Rs 150 per kg.

Traders estimate that Bengaluru is currently receiving 3–4 tonnes of jamun daily. "The last week of May marked the arrival with about a tonne and gradually peaked this week. This will continue for another week and then supply will gradually recede. The day's arrival gets exhausted by 7am with many pushcart vendors and retailers buying them in auction. While we get a profit of 50,000 to 60,000 per day, the retail vendors make away with Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 per day with 25 to 30 kg of fruits," said a wholesale trader at KR Market.

Dr G Karunakaran, principal scientist at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Hesaraghatta, attributed the strong yield to favourable weather conditions. "Unlike previous seasons marked with drought and other climatic conditions, this year it was salubrious climate which was a combination of hot and humid weather. This not only exerted much-required stress on the plant but also set favourable conditions for flowering and fruiting. Also, the intensity of pre-monsoon showers was less. Hence, there has been a bountiful harvest all around especially in Tumakuru, Kolar, Chikkaballapur and parts of Andhra Pradesh. Each tree will yield 100kg to 125 kg of fruits over a period of 10 to 15 days," the scientist explained.

Jamun is hailed for its medicinal value, especially among diabetics. "With a low glycemic index of 25 to 35, it is diabetic-friendly fruit. Besides, it also has natural compounds that help regulate blood sugar and is loaded with fibre, vitamin C, antioxidants and iron," a nutritionist said.

— Jeevitha M

Muthu P

BOUNTIFUL: Wholesalers are selling jamun at Rs 20-Rs 30 for 250g, while retail vendors are pricing it at Rs 25 to Rs 35

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72k students graduate at RGUHS convocation

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Bengaluru: "Healthcare is a social mission. It is a commitment to protecting all sections of society with dignity and wellbeing." This was CM DK Shivakumar's message at the 28th convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences.

"The doctors produced by Karnataka are unmatched in terms of quality, efficiency and commitment," he added.

As many as 72,741 students graduated across various disciplines of health sciences. Among them, 71 scholars received PhD degrees, 211 were super specialty graduates and 9,769 received PG degrees, and 62,419 were undergraduates. A total of 103 candidates received 115 gold medals.

Medical education minister Sharan Prakash Patil said, "I have seen many backbenchers becoming the best doctors, and it was only because of their communication with patients. Treat every patient with empathy and compassion. That will make you great in the profession," he said.

— TN Laasya and Jeevitha M

Illegal horse race betting: Bookie held

Bengaluru: Central Crime Branch's special investigation wing raided an illegal horse race betting racket being run from a house in Jyotinagar, west Bengaluru, and arrested a 65-year-old bookie who was accepting bets from punters through cash and online transactions.

The accused, P Sheshadri, was operating the racket from a room on the third floor of a residential building. Police said he was accepting bets on horse races without any valid licence and conducting gambling activities using multiple mobile phones and bank accounts.

Cops seized four phones, a tablet device, calculator, pens and 15 sheets containing horse race details and betting records. Investigators found some of the seized phones were linked to bank accounts used for handling betting transactions. TNN

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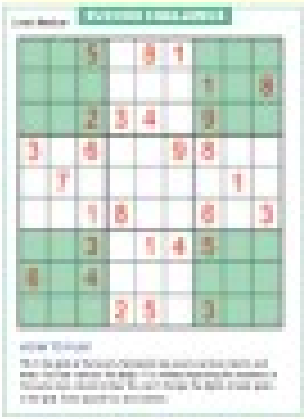
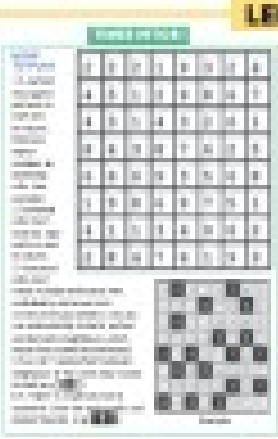
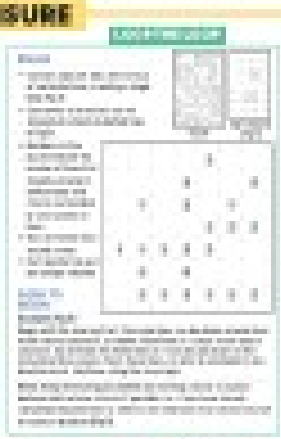
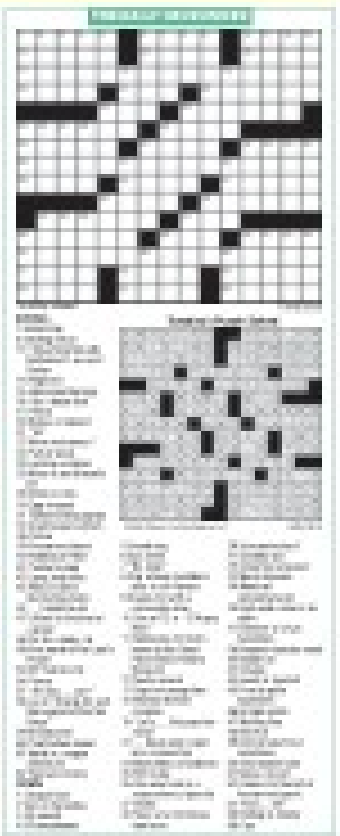
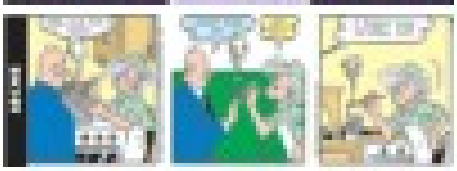
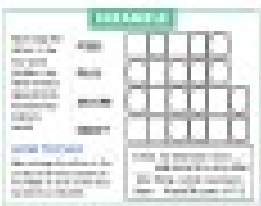


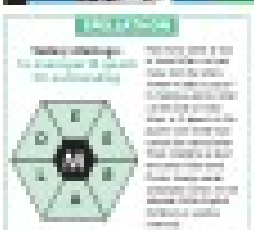


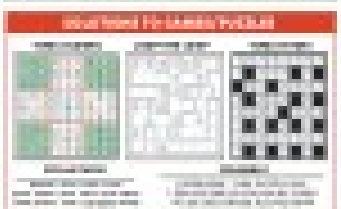












State Can Afford To Balance Both Welfare & Growth, But Its Fiscal Buffer Is Shrinking. Here Are The Numbers That Matter

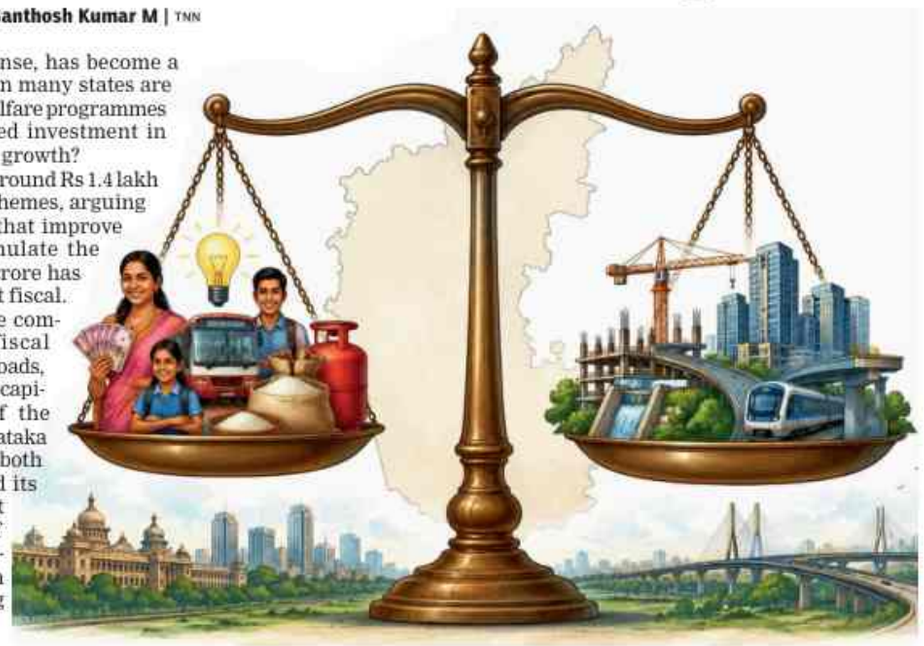
Guarantees vs Growth
Karnataka's Balancing Act

Chethan Kumar & Santhosh Kumar M | TNN

Karnataka, in some sense, has become a test case for a question many states are grappling with: can welfare programmes coexist with sustained investment in infrastructure and economic growth?

Since 2023, govt has spent around Rs 1.4 lakh crore on its five guarantee schemes, arguing they are social investments that improve purchasing power and stimulate the economy. Another Rs 51,000 crore has been allocated for the current fiscal.

Critics contend that these commitments have squeezed fiscal space, leaving less money for roads, irrigation projects, and other capital works. **TOI**'s analysis of the state's finances suggests Karnataka has, so far, managed to sustain both its welfare commitments and its development ambitions. But the long-term sustainability of this model will ultimately depend on its ability to maintain economic growth and strong revenue collections.

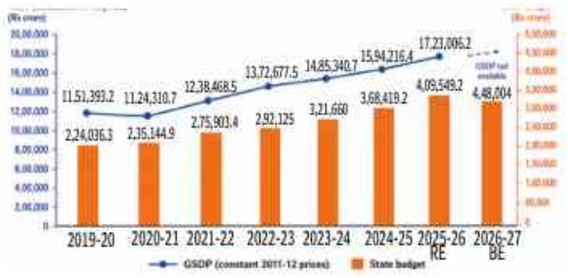


FISCAL DISCIPLINE TEST

State breached the 3% fiscal deficit mark during Covid years but has since restored fiscal discipline. However, deficits have steadily climbed since 2022-23 and now sit just below the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management threshold.

MORE ROOM TO SPEND

Since 2020-21, strong economic growth (53% in real terms) has nearly doubled state budget, enabling higher spending.

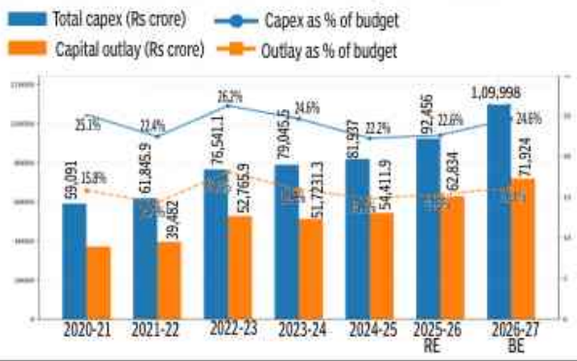


REVENUE RECEIPTS ARE MAINSTAY

Revenue receipts have doubled in six years, helping finance numerous expenditure commitments.

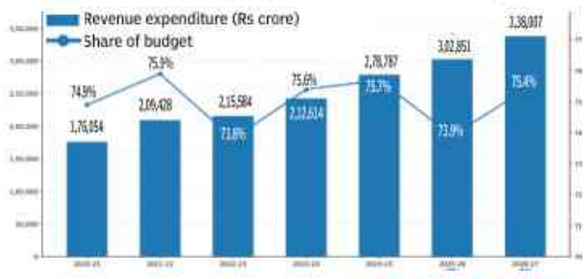
CAPEX RISING DESPITE GUARANTEES

Despite large welfare commitments, spending on various infrastructure and long-term assets continued to increase. Capital expenditure has grown by nearly 86% since 2020-21. While its share in the budget has fluctuated, Karnataka has continued to increase investments in long-term assets.



HIGH REVENUE SPEND A CONCERN

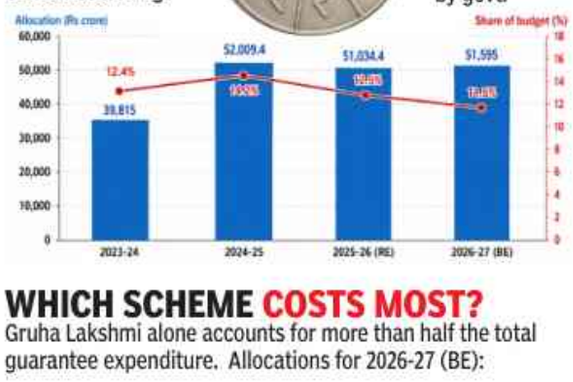
With three-fourths of spending tied to salaries, subsidies and schemes, future flexibility depends on robust revenue growth.



COST OF GUARANTEES NOW STABLE

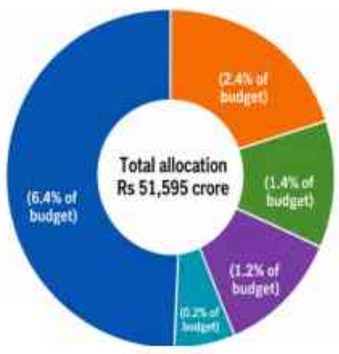
After peaking at over 14% in 2024-25, the relative burden of guarantee schemes appears to be moderating.

The five guarantees account for around 1 in every 8 rupees spent by govt.



WHICH SCHEME COSTS MOST?

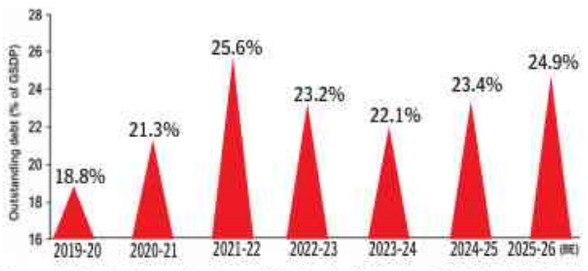
Gruha Lakshmi alone accounts for more than half the total guarantee expenditure. Allocations for 2026-27 (BE):



Guarantee Scheme	Allocation (Rs crore)
Gruha Lakshmi	28,604
Gruha Jyothi	10,578
Anna Bhagya	6,200
Shakthi	5,300
Yuva Nidhi	913

FISCAL CUSHION SLOWLY SHRINKING

Debt rose sharply during tpandemic, eased subsequently, and is now projected to rise again. While still manageable, the trend bears watching.



(Source: Budgets/Economic Survey | RE: Revised Estimate; BE: Budget Estimate)

Half-missing licence plate leads police to habitual offender

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Cops at a checkpoint on Ayyappa Swamy Temple Road in Prakash Nagar, northwest Bengaluru, were surprised Monday night as a man riding towards them suddenly disembarked, left behind his scooter and took to his heels.

As they went near the two-wheeler, they saw the front licence plate was cut in half. However, the rear plate was in good condition, showing the number TN-29-CW-6097.

The vehicle was seized and stored at Rajajinagar police station. "Since the vehicle was registered in Tamil Nadu, we were about to contact the regional transport office there. However, in the morning, a middle-aged man walked into the station saying he was the owner of the gearless scooter. He produced the original documents of the vehicle as well as his driving licence," a senior police officer said.

The man was Arun Kumar R, 36, a resident of Srirampura and a private company employee. Next came the important question: why did he run away on seeing the cops?

"Arun first said the front licence plate had broken, plus he was not wearing a helmet at the time. He had no answer when we asked why he did not replace it (licence plate) with a new one," an investigating officer said, adding: "How did the number plate break exactly at the space where TN-29 was mentioned? Also, the cut on the edge of the licence plate showed that it was not an accidental cut but a deliberate one. The straight cut proved it."

Attempt to dodge cams

In the end, according to police, Kumar confessed to cutting the plate intentionally. "Every day, he rides the scooter without a helmet. He is aware of the fact that cameras at the signal junction click the front licence plate to capture violations. Therefore, he cut it," the officer explained, adding the accused has been booked under Section 318 (cheating) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Man kills wife, flees home

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Police are on the hunt for water tanker driver Sharath, who on June 14 called an advocate and told him he had killed his wife and fled after locking their home. The advocate immediately alerted Seshadripuram police.

Based on the address shared by the advocate, cops reached the house in Malleswaram VII Cross and found the door locked, with the key placed near the window. They called house owner Ramesh Babu and opened the door. On the kitchen floor, they found the body of Sharath's wife, ND Anusha, 20.

Police sources revealed the couple hailed from Sakleshpur in Hassan district and got married a year ago. Anusha is believed to have been strangled to death.

According to house owner Ramesh Babu, the couple shifted to the one-bedroom house six months ago and often fought over trivial issues

According to Babu, the couple shifted to the one-bedroom house around six months ago. "They fought regularly over trivial matters. Sharath worked as a driver for water tanker owner Mahadev, a resident of the locality. Mahadev, who knows me, had recommended them as tenants," Babu stated in his complaint.

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SOP for jumbo camps: 10-metre viewing gap, visitors can't feed or bathe them

Daily Behavioural Monitoring Of Animals A Must

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Bengaluru: Nearly a month after the tragic incident at Dubare elephant camp in Kodagu, the forest department has ordered a comprehensive overhaul of tourist management and elephant-handling practices across its 14 camps in the state.

As part of the revamp, the department has notified a detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) aimed at transforming the camps from close-contact tourist attractions into regulated eco-tourism and conservation education centres. The new guidelines place a strong emphasis on public safety, elephant welfare and emergency preparedness.

Contrary to the popular perception that elephant camps are recreational destinations, the SOP makes it clear that they are not entertainment venues and requires visitors to maintain in a safe distance from elephants at all times. Activities that were once popular among tourists — including touching, feeding, bathing elephants and taking selfies close to the animals — have now been completely prohibited.

The SOP, a copy of which was accessed by **TOI**, states: "The purpose of allowing visitors to these camps is conservation education, awareness and not direct interaction with the elephants." Among the key features of the protocol is the introduction of a three-tier safety zoning system, demarcating separate areas for visitors, forest staff and elephant handlers.

"Visitors shall be restricted to designated 'green zones' surrounded by barricades. No visitor shall be allowed to go out of the green zone. This will be followed by 'amber zone' where department officials, emergency response teams and operational support staff are allowed to enter. Beyond these, will be the 'red zone' where only mahouts, kavadis, veterinarians and authorised forest officials will be allowed," it states.

Bathing, feeding, tethering, veterinary care, elephant movement, loading and unloading, and active handling of elephants will be carried out exclusively within the red zone, which will be secured through barricades and physical separation. The SoP also mandates CCTV surveillance of critical areas to monitor violations and detect any attempt to cross safety barriers.

The protocol prescribes a minimum viewing distance of 10 metres between visitors and elephants wherever feasible. Not more than 10 elephants can be displayed during any public session, and only those classified as "green category" — animals assessed as calm, healthy and responsive to commands by veterinarians, mahouts and camp authorities — can be presented before visitors. Elephants showing signs of aggression, stress, illness, fatigue, musth or behavioural uncertainty will be barred from public viewing. Daily behavioural assessments will be mandatory before every visitor session.

The guidelines place special emphasis on bathing activities, categorising them as high-risk operations. Tourists will only be allowed to observe from designated galleries or viewing points and will be prohibited from entering rivers, bathing areas or elephant movement corridors. It also mandates a weekly closure day for all camps, preferably Tuesdays.

Time slot-based entry for tourists

File photo

The department has introduced visitor caps through a time slot-based entry system and detailed emergency response protocols. "Each visitor batch shall enter, receive a safety briefing and pass through the approved green zone route, view elephants from the designated point and exit before the next batch is brought in," the SoP states. The guidelines recommend batches of 50 visitors, with each session lasting between 45 and 60 minutes. However, deputy conservators of forests have been empowered to modify these limits depending on available space, river conditions, staff strength and crowd behaviour. All camps will be required to maintain first-aid facilities, ambulance tie-ups, evacuation plans and trained rescue personnel to handle emergencies.

B'luru Urban to intensify crackdown on fake gynaecs

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Amid reports of a growing number of pregnant women falling prey to unqualified practitioners posing as gynaecologists on the city outskirts and suburban areas, Bengaluru Urban zilla panchayat Tuesday directed the health department to intensify action against such individuals.

"Unqualified practitioners masquerading as gynaecologists are allegedly administering unauthorised treatment in several parts of the district, putting the lives of mothers and newborns at serious risk during childbirth," said Yatheesh R, chief executive officer (CEO) of Bengaluru Urban ZP.

Chairing the quarterly district-level coordination committee meeting of National Child Health Programme (RBSK), ASHA Monitoring and Grievance Redressal and NPPCF programme, he directed the health department to constitute a special team to inspect private gynaecology clinics across the district and initiate legal action against unqualified practitioners.

According to officials, many such practitioners are graduates of ayurveda or homeopathy. "Especially in rural areas, people do not know the difference between an MBBS doctor and a BAMS or BHMS doctor. During emergencies, they often go to the first clinic they find. So far, we have not had any untoward incidents, and we want to ensure it stays that way," a senior official said.

Yatheesh instructed ASHAs, who regularly visit households, to document the dietary patterns of pregnant women and new mothers in Bengaluru Urban district over the next three months and submit a comprehensive report.

The direction follows a recent report submitted by the CEO of Mandya district, which found that nutrient-deficient dietary habits were widespread and could be contributing to poor infant health and malnutrition. He said such a report would help the department design targeted awareness campaigns and nutritional interventions.

Yatheesh called for coordinated efforts across departments to reduce reliance on groundwater for drinking water as part of fluorosis-prevention measures. With monsoon under way, he asked officials to step up awareness campaigns on mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya, while educating the public on preventive measures to curb their spread.

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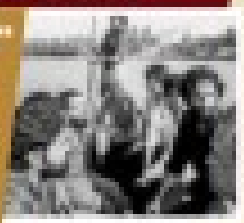

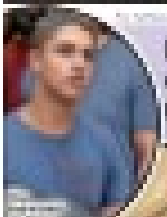

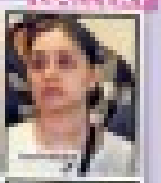

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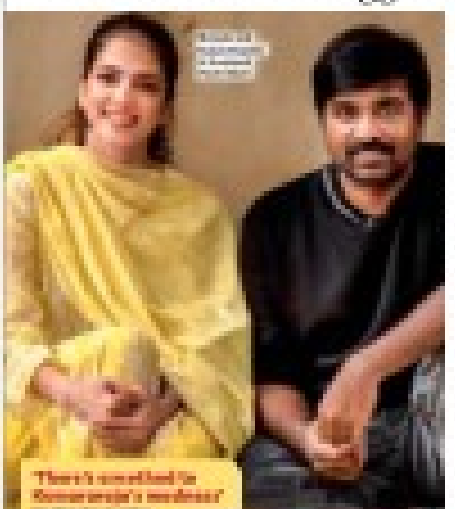

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Bengaluru devpt: Why Shivakumar retained oversight of BDA, BMRDA

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Bengaluru: With Krishna Byre Gowda formally assuming charge as Greater Bengaluru development minister Tuesday, attention has shifted to chief minister DK Shivakumar's decision to retain control of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) — two agencies that wield enormous power over planning and land development in the metropolitan region.

Urban experts say the reason lies in the strategic importance of the two agencies, which are central to Bengaluru's growth.

Driving city's infra

As Bengaluru development minister during the previous administration led by Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, then deputy CM, positioned BDA as the key agency driving the city's expansion. Its major projects include the Rs 27,000 crore Bengaluru Business Corridor (Peripheral Ring Road), the proposed Skydeck, upgrades at Hebbal Junction, the Kanteerava Studio underpass and the expansion of key layouts.

BDA also heads two high-profile tunnel projects. It has awarded the Rs 2,215 crore Hebbal-Mehkri Circle tunnel and elevated road project to Rithwik Projects, while Adani Enterprises has emerged as the lowest bidder for the proposed 16.7-km twin-tunnel road connecting Hebbal and Central Silk Board with a bid of Rs 22,267 crore.

The authority has simultaneously pushed ahead with the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, Dr K Shivaram Karanth and Arkavathi layouts, launched construction of 13,118 flats under 30 housing schemes, allotted more than 10,000 units and undertaken rejuvenation of major lakes, including Bellandur, Varthur and Chikkabanavara.

On the administration front, Shivakumar, through commissioner Major P Manivannan, has sought to improve transparency in an authority long criticised for apathy and delays. BDA Sahaya, launched in Aug 2025, introduced a time-bound grievance redressal system. Until April 30 this year, it had recorded 4,797 complaints, conducted 54 open house meetings, heard 2,306 cases and resolved 1,544 grievances.

"The Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio is important administratively, but BDA and BMRDA are where key planning and execution powers rest," said Prof G Harikumar, urban affairs expert. "These agencies control land, layouts, infrastructure corridors and long-term urban growth. Retaining them ensures continuity in major projects. It also provides both financial and political visibility."

Infrastructure analyst Ramesh Babu said retaining BDA allows Shivakumar to directly oversee projects involving land acquisition, financing, inter-agency coordination and long-term planning. Urban planner CN Karumbaiah said BMRDA's importance would only increase as Bengaluru expands into its peripheral regions. "BMRDA's decisions on housing, industry, commercial hubs and transport corridors will shape the metropolitan region for decades," he said.

Seniority tussle?

There is a political angle as well, say Congress functionaries pointing to the internal power structure within BDA.

Congress legislator NA Haris serves as BDA chairman and is regarded as a senior figure in Bengaluru politics. They say transferring BDA to the Greater Bengaluru development minister could have created an unusual administrative arrangement, with the authority's chairman functioning under a minister perceived as a junior in political seniority.

Shivakumar's decision to retain BDA, therefore, is seen by some as a move that avoids potential issues of hierarchy while ensuring continuity in decision-making on the city's infrastructure growth.

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DEVELOPING B'LURU: CM DK Shivakumar with Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Geetanjali Kirloskar who were part of a delegation that met him Tuesday

DKS COMMITTED TO STATE'S GROWTH: MAZUMDAR-SHAW

Biocon founder and executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said chief minister DK Shivakumar is committed to the state's growth and expressed support for his vision to transform Bengaluru into a world-class city and Karnataka into a leading state. Speaking after a meeting between Bengaluru's honorary consuls and the CM, Mazumdar-Shaw said the group backed Shivakumar's new initiatives to develop Bengaluru. Praising Shivakumar's commitment to infrastructure development, she said: "I think he's going to double down and really get things moving. There is a lot to be done. Bengaluru needs better infrastructure, including the tunnel road, elevated highways... I think a lot is going to happen." She also lauded Shivakumar's measures in garbage and solid waste management.

SHORT TAKES

DKS defends Bidadi township

Amid mounting opposition from farmers and sections within Congress, CM DK Shivakumar defended the proposed Bidadi township project, asserting that it was not a new initiative of his govt. "This project wasn't conceived by me. It was originally notified by former CM HD Kumaraswamy," Shivakumar told reporters in Bengaluru. "During the term of the previous BJP govt, about 1,000 acres were acquired and allotted by KIADB." He accused critics of politicising the issue, citing similar township projects spread across thousands of acres in Maharashtra and Telangana. He questioned why objections were being raised now when land had been acquired for Bidadi and Aravalli industrial townships. He said farmers had agreed to the project and alleged "some people" were trying to derive political capital from the issue. Meanwhile, public works minister Satish Jarkiholi expressed concern over the growing discontent and said the issue could come up for discussion at the cabinet meeting on Saturday.

Cong prepares for council polls

CM DK Shivakumar presided over a Congress Legislature Party meeting at a private resort on the outskirts of Bengaluru, where about 40 first-time MLAs were trained on how to vote at legislative council elections. Of the seven seats for which polls will be held Thursday, Congress is expected to comfortably win four and BJP two. However, Congress has fielded a fifth candidate and expects a contest with JD(S) for the seat since both are short of numbers. "In order to ensure that no vote is wasted, the party is training legislators," said a Congress functionary. Meanwhile, party MLAs say there is no clarity on whether all will stay back at the resort. "While some outstation MLAs are expected to stay, others may return to their homes in Bengaluru," said functionaries.

BJP: ₹53k-cr SC/ST funds diverted

Legislative council opposition leader, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy of BJP claimed that over the past three years, Rs 53,060 crore was diverted from Scheduled Caste sub-allocation and Tribal sub-allocation fund, and misused by the state govt. In a letter, he asked the Union ministry of social justice and empowerment and the central parliamentary committee to conduct an audit. Narayanswamy said the issue is not merely a case of financial misappropriation but also a violation of constitutional principles.

State flags shortfall, Centre cites surplus

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Bengaluru: A divergence has emerged between the state's assessment of fertiliser availability and the Centre's claims ahead of the kharif season, with state data indicating shortages of up to a staggering 64% of some key nutrients while the Union govt insists stocks are adequate.

Agriculture department data reviewed by CM DK Shivakumar at a meeting last week show Karnataka is battling an overall fertiliser shortfall of about 45%. The gap is most pronounced in di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), where the state received only 87,000 tonnes against a demand of 2.4 lakh tonnes between April and June — a deficit of nearly 64%.

The figures contrast sharply with those shared by Pralhad Joshi, Union minister for consumer affairs, food and public distribution, on X. Joshi stated that Karnataka's DAP requirement until June 10 stood at 1.9 lakh tonnes and that 2.6 lakh tonnes had been made available, leaving a closing stock of 3.1 lakh tonnes.

A similar mismatch is visible in urea supplies. State figures show demand at 4.6 lakh tonnes against supplies of 2.9 lakh tonnes, resulting in a deficit of about 38%.

Complex fertilisers, including the widely used NPKS combination of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and sulphur, also reflected a substantial gap. Karnataka reported supplies of 3.4 lakh tonnes against demand of 5.8 lakh tonnes, a deficit of around 41%.

However, Joshi presented a different picture. In his post on X, he said 9.3 lakh tonnes "was ensured as against the pro-rata requirement of 4.4 lakh tonnes. Even after substantial sales, over 5.6 lakh tonnes are available including transit stocks".

FERTILISER

Agriculture department officials attributed the discrepancy largely to the inclusion of opening stocks in the Centre's calculations. "In previous years, the Centre never considered opening balance as part of supply figures. This left us with a buffer in case of emergencies, and ensured a seamless supply of fertilisers," said an official. "However, this year, due to the West Asia crisis, the opening balance of 1.1 lakh tonnes was added to the supply."

Officials said concerns over availability have already triggered instances of hoarding. During the review meeting, Shivakumar said: "The Centre has used war as the reason for the fertiliser shortage." On Monday, he directed officials to ensure adequate supply of fertiliser and assist farmers with equipment to spray pesticide.

BJP hits back at Priyank over letter to RSS chief

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A day after home minister Priyank Kharge wrote to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat seeking clarity on the organisation's registration, legal status and funding sources, political sparring intensified.

Narayana K Bhandage, BJP Rajya Sabha MP, in an open letter, accused Congress of selectively targeting Hindu organisations.

"It is inappropriate to question the very existence of an organisation merely because of ideological differences," Bhandage said. He alleged Congress remained silent on incidents involving violence by other groups despite attacks on public property, police personnel and even the residence of an OBC Congress MLA.

"If concerns about transparency and accountability are genuine, the same standards should be applied uniformly to all organisations, irrespective of their religious, social, political or ideological background. Singling out one organisation due to political differences is not in line with constitutional values," he wrote.

Bhandage said Congress should "introspect", arguing that repeatedly targeting Hindu organisations for political reasons could deepen social divisions. He said the Constitution "does not support appeasement politics or prejudice" and called for impartial action against extremism, violence and unlawful activity.

Opposition leader R Ashoka also targeted Priyank, claiming the move was aimed at countering chief minister DK Shivakumar.

"What moral authority does the Congress have to speak about RSS when it has formed political alliances purely for the sake of power with an extremely divisive and anti-national organisation like the Muslim League, which was responsible for the partition of the country, and is governing in two states through such alliances?" Ashoka said in a post on X.

However, in Mysuru, urban development minister Yathindra Siddaramaiah backed Priyank's demand, saying RSS members are not Hindus, but "proponents of Hindutva".

Home min's district tops rowdy-sheet list

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Bengaluru: As the state prepares to roll out dedicated anti-rowdy squads across police stations to crack down on habitual offenders and prevent crime, Kalaburagi, the home district of new home minister Priyank Kharge, has emerged with the highest number of rowdy-sheeters in the state.

Data presented during a recent review meeting chaired by chief minister DK Shivakumar showed Kalaburagi accounted for 2,626 rowdies — nearly 9% of the state's total — putting the district under the lens.

However, police officers say not every person listed as a rowdy is necessarily a hardened criminal or gang member. Under regulations, rowdy-sheets can be opened against habitual offenders and individuals repeatedly involved in offences such as assault, intimidation, extortion, land disputes, harassment and other activities that could threaten public order.

The objective is largely preventive, allowing police to monitor these individuals and deter future offences. Authorities can also invoke provisions under the Goonda Act, externment proceedings and other preventive measures against repeat offenders. Names are periodically reviewed and can be removed after prolonged good conduct.

Kalaburagi's tally is significantly higher than that of other districts. It is followed by Mysuru with 1,871 rowdy sheeters, Hassan (1,612), Dakshina Kannada (1,569) and Raichur (1,566).

Of the 2,626 listed rowdies in Kalaburagi, about 1,400 are from rural areas. District police have also booked 81 cases under the Goonda Act over the past three years. However, the figures reveal a steady decline. Kalaburagi had 3,579 rowdies in 2024, which fell to 2,829 in 2025 before declining further this year.

Adduru Srinivasulu, Kalaburagi SP, told **TOI**, "Most of the cases stem from alcoholism and land disputes." Explaining the reduction, Srinivasulu said, "Cases are reviewed annually. As per protocol, we consider 10 years of conduct of the person before cases are closed."

The declining trend is reflected across the state as well. Data presented at the review meeting showed the number of rowdies falling from 33,388 in 2024 to 29,316 in 2026.

Figures show Davanagere has the lowest number of rowdy-sheeters at 468. Other districts with relatively low numbers were Kodagu (475), Bagalkot (503), Gadag (507), Chitradurga (517) and Chamarajanagar (517).

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IN SPOTLIGHT: File picture of home minister Priyank Kharge with urban development minister Yathindra Siddaramaiah. Data shows Kalaburagi has 2,626 rowdies

> The figures presented at the CM's review meeting may be wrong. Bengaluru city, and not Kalaburagi, has the highest concentration of rowdy-sheeters. Of 37,159 rowdies earlier in the state, 24,741 are active now. One big reason for the reduction is because of the nature of offences — it has moved from physical to social media and cybercrime
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Sources: ₹200cr needed to deal with backlog

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Officials said no beneficiary was given the second instalment in the past three years.

Department sources said more than Rs 80 crore is needed to clear the backlog of pending first-instalment payments. Another Rs 120 crore is required for the second instalment, taking the total outstanding liability to nearly Rs 200 crore.

Under the scheme, administered by social welfare and tribal welfare departments, a Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) bride marrying a person from another caste is eligible for Rs 3 lakh, while an SC or ST groom marrying outside his caste will get Rs 2.5 lakh. To qualify, one spouse must belong to SC or ST community, both spouses must be residents of Karnataka and their combined annual family income must not exceed Rs 5 lakh. Applications are generally required to be submitted within 18 months from the date of marriage.

MARRIAGE SCHEME

"I went ahead with an inter-caste marriage despite opposition from my family. I hoped the govt's incentive would help us start our new life. It's been three years of visits to govt offices, I feel helpless," said an SC applicant. "We have been getting a lot of applications for the incentive. We expect additional funds to be released," said Siddalingesha Bevinamatti, joint director of te social welfare department.

Officials told to focus on periphery infra

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If we don't fix Bengaluru, there is a serious problem for Karnataka," he said, reiterating the importance of the tech capital as one of India's growth engines.

Gowda also directed civic honchos to focus on improving infrastructure on the city's periphery. "Historically, you have invested in infrastructure in the core areas and a lot of white-topping has happened. All the problems are in the peripheral areas. Roads are dug up as BWSSB has taken up works in the areas not covered in the peripheral constituencies," he said, adding that pressure is immense on the city's peripheries which are seeing relentless expansion.

"The formation of GBA and five city corporations was a fundamental solution to Bengaluru's problems. Our govt has introduced major projects like the tunnel road and elevated corridors," he said, pointing to policy continuity. He said he would also solve day-to-day problems.

Responding to queries on issues flagged by opposition leaders on the waste management tenders having over 30 years' contract period, he said the city needs long-term solutions — and not quick fixes — for issues. "The tenders are being evaluated by a panel of senior officials formed by the government," he said, urging leaders across party lines to work together for the city. Without revealing much, Gowda said the govt will come up with interventions to address the differences in revenue among the five corporations.

Accepting role compulsion in politics: KBG

On a nearly two-week delay in taking over as minister, Krishna Byre Gowda attributed it to operational clarity about the portfolio. On the final outcome of negotiations, he said, "We must accept the responsibility given to us with a balanced mind. This is the compulsion in politics. Not always do we get what we ask for. Decisions are probably taken by assessing capability."

Gowda, who has not been assigned control over important agencies such as BDA and BMRDA, said he had sought clarity on his role and responsibilities. "This clarity helps me give better results."

Nirani: ₹5.7k-cr project may go to other states

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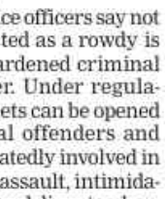
Bagalkot: Former minister **Murugesh Nirani** Tuesday warned that his company may opt for other states for investment after Karnataka govt rejected its proposal for an aviation fuel production plant worth Rs 5,700 crore.



Speaking to media, the ex-minister said the Nirani Group, of which he is chairman, had proposed an aviation fuel unit of Rs 3,200 crore and bioplastic units worth Rs 2,500 crore. Both are agriculture-based projects. "We neither sought land nor electricity for the units but assured thousands of jobs. However, govt rejected both proposals without citing any reason," he said.

He added that the project has a partnership with a Japanese firm.

Proposal set aside

"The Maharashtra chief minister has offered a 50% subsidy, while Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu has proposed 400 acres at Rs 10 lakh per acre. We can also consider Bihar, where we have a sugar factory. Our company is the largest ethanol producer in Asia. Despite this profile, our proposal has been set aside," he said.

He further alleged that while Karnataka govt invites foreign investors to Global Investors' Meet, it has been discouraging local investors.

'Maja Bharatha' actor found dead in Bidar forest area, probe under way

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Bidar: Kannada television artiste **Siddharth Parsunoor**, 36, best known for his appearances in comedy reality shows Maja Bharatha and Comedy Kiladigalu, was found dead under suspicious circumstances in a forest area along Honnakuni Road in Humnabad taluk Monday.

Siddharth, a resident of Teachers Colony in Humnabad, was the son of Mallappa Parsunoor and Kasturibai Parsunoor. His mother is a former president of Humnabad city municipal council.

According to Humnabad police, Siddharth left home with friends on June 13 but did not return. After waiting for three days, his family approached Humnabad police station Monday morning to file a missing person complaint.

During the search operation, police tracked his mobile phone location and recovered his body from a forested area off Honnakuni Road. The body has been shifted to BRIMS Hospital mortuary, and the exact cause of death is yet to be ascertained.

Siddharth had long aspired to become an actor and got his breakthrough with comedy reality show Maja Bharatha. He later worked as a television technician and played supporting roles in the serial Brahmagantu, and several films. He was also a familiar face in comedy programmes and regularly entertained audiences through his social media content.

Family members have expressed suspicion over the circumstances surrounding his death and alleged that it could be a case of murder. The spot where the body was found is said to have a high-tension power line overhead, and preliminary observations suggest Siddharth may have been electrocuted.

Humnabad police have launched an investigation.

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2 BSF personnel get 42-year RI for Mizoram gang rape, acid attack

A court in Aizawl sentenced two BSF personnel Tuesday to a total of 42 years' rigorous imprisonment (20 years, 10 years and 12 years each under different charges) — and fined them Rs 60,000 each for gang-raping a woman and throwing acid on her face in 2017. The sentences are to run concurrently, which means they will spend 20 years in jail, reports **HC Vanlalruata**.

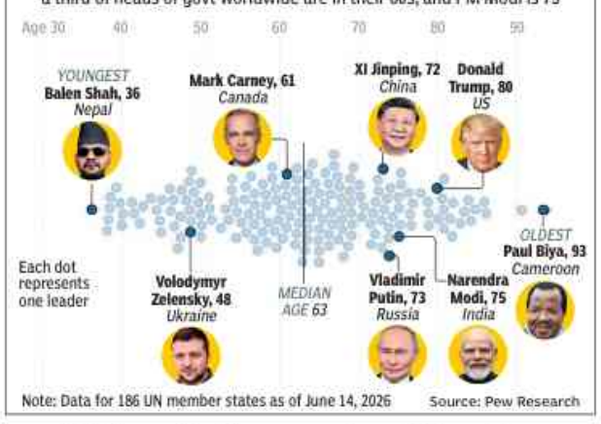
Aizawl additional district and sessions judge Sylvie Z Ralte said the period of detention already undergone by Nilanjan Das and Dinesh Kumar during investigation and trial would be deducted from the time to be served.

On the allegation relating to the death of a friend of the victim, the court said the prosecution had failed to prove the charge beyond reasonable doubt. "The accused persons are therefore acquitted of the offence under IPC Section 302, extending the benefit of doubt," the judge said.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Trump is 80, but he's not the oldest among counterparts

The US President is among the oldest leaders in office, but he is not alone: a third of heads of govt worldwide are in their 60s, and PM Modi is 75



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PM meets Trump after 16 mths, with a handshake, not a hug

Trade Talks To Be Completed By Dec: Carney

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A formal Modi-Trump bilateral on the margins of G7 is expected today

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi met US President Donald Trump for the first time in 16 months at the G7 in France, and also had formal bilateral meetings with Canadian PM Mark Carney, UK PM Keir Starmer and UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Modi and Trump participated in an outreach session sitting next to each other. The leaders greeted each other with a handshake — not a hug — and exchanged pleasantries. A photo uploaded by Modi on X also showed them having a little chat.

A formal Modi-Trump bilateral is expected on the margins of the summit in the resort town of Evian on Wednesday. This was the first meeting between the two since Modi's visit to the White House in Feb last year.

In the meeting with Carney, both reaffirmed their joint commitment to concluding the negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement at an early date, with the Canadian PM saying the deadline was the G20 summit in Dec. Modi told Carney he was looking forward to visiting Canada and hoped the agreement would be finalised by then.

Modi also said Canada could become an important energy security partner for India, as they reviewed progress in bilateral economic cooperation, including developments in commercial arrangements relating to LNG, LPG and metallurgical coal.

To further deepen defence and security cooperation, according to the statement, the two PMs agreed to launch negotiations on a general security of information agreement. "They also welcomed recent exchanges between defence institutions, including the visit of National Defence College of India to Canada," said a joint press statement.

Reaffirming their commitment to building a forward-looking strategic partnership, the PMs underscored the complementarities between the Indian and Canadian economies and highlighted the importance of resilient and reliable supply chains in strengthening global energy and food security, according to the statement.

"The leaders noted ongoing collaboration under the Canada–India Talent and Innovation Strategy, including initiatives to strengthen skill development, innovation partnerships, and educational cooperation between institutions in the two countries," the statement added.

After the meeting with Starmer, Modi said in a post on X that they discussed ways to work closely in areas like innovation, AI, skill development, sports and more. "We also discussed how to increase investment linkages for the benefit of the people of our nations," he wrote.

Teen's plea sparks a mass movement to save a dying river

More than 5km of the Saraswatiya river has been reclaimed from years of encroachment, with work under way on a war footing

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Ranchi: In April, **Mehak Priya** (15) approached the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) of Jharkhand's Garhwa district, urging him to save the Saraswatiya river in her village from disappearing. Weeks later, her earnest plea has swelled into a mass movement that is slowly bringing the water body back to life.

SDM Sanjay Kumar said Mehak's school had tasked all students with submitting a couple of questions to a govt officer. Her request moved him to think of a solution. Kumar said he dipped into his own pocket to launch the work. As a formal govt plan would have taken a long time due to the multiple approvals involved, Kumar then made a public appeal. "We thought — why not let people take the lead? Through continuous meetings, we tried to build accountability," he said.

What followed, he said, exceeded his expectations.

Across the 14-km river — from its origin at Meral to Garhwa town — residents stepped in with whatever they could offer: labour, machines, money, even food for workers. The first stretch was cleared on May 25.

The campaign has gained remarkable momentum since then. More than 5km of the river has been taken back from years of encroachment, with work under way on a war footing. "We are not just cleaning — we are reclaiming the river's natural path so it can flow freely again," the SDM said.

Schools, transporters, builders and local groups have begun "adopting" stretches of the river, pooling in resources to clean and restore them. "This sense of ownership is what is driving the campaign," Kumar said. "Every day, at least five to six earthmovers are being used. Our only job now is to supervise and ensure that the volunteers don't face any law-and-order problems," he added.

The administration has complemented the public's efforts with strict enforcement. Drones are being deployed for daily aerial monitoring to ensure reclaimed stretches are not encroached upon again. Simultaneously, 13 bulk waste generators have been issued show-cause notices for discharging waste into the riverbed, while action has been taken against more than 100 violators for blocking the river's flow.

The campaign has seen zero protests, a rarity in encroachment removal drives.

NEET leak accused gets court nod to take retest

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday granted interim bail to NEET-UG 2026 paper leak accused Yash Yadav to enable him to appear for the re-examination scheduled on June 21 and attend his sister's wedding, reports **Koushiki Saha**.

Special judge Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Courts observed that Yadav's "rights as a student could not be defeated by denial of the opportunity to appear in the examination".

Yadav's counsel argued that his status as an accused could not "act to his detriment" in pursuing the retest, particularly in light of the fundamental right to education.

CBI contended that Yadav was among the conspirators involved in the sale of the question paper. It also expressed apprehensions that he could go on the run.

The court directed the superintendent of Central Jail, Tihar, to facilitate the download of Yadav's admit card by June 17. It ordered that he be produced in judicial custody at 12 noon at his examination centre in Gurgaon and be returned to custody immediately after the retest.

Goa ATS SP suspended for 'Portugal citizenship bid'

Panaji: Goa govt Tuesday suspended anti-terror squad SP Edwin Colaco over allegations he registered his birth and marriage in Portugal, a key step towards securing a Portuguese passport and citizenship, reports **Murari Shetye**.

The Goa police service officer, who was in line for elevation to IPS cadre, was suspended after govt received an anonymous complaint that he went to Portugal between 2008 and 2010 to register his birth and marriage there.

Portugal allows people born before Goa's liberation in 1961 and their children to register births there. Many subsequently seek Portuguese nationality to work in Europe or obtain travel benefits.

A govt official said Colaco had obtained permission to travel but did not disclose the purpose or destination. He has been attached to the home department at Porvorim secretariat and cannot leave headquarters without approval.

In Oct 2014, an FIR was registered against Colaco over dual citizenship allegations. Police later filed a closure report, citing lack of evidence.

Tanishq staffer's showroom party turns into ₹4cr heist

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Ghaziabad: It began with a celebration. A young showroom employee announced that his marriage had been fixed, gathered colleagues for a party and raised a toast to the future. By the next morning, the same celebration had become the opening act of a meticulously planned Rs 4-crore jewellery heist.

Three persons — Tanishq employee Nitin Verma (23), his girlfriend Kajal Verma (22) and his father Sanjay Verma (52) — were arrested for the theft of jewellery worth over Rs 4 crore from the brand's Raj Nagar District Centre showroom on June 12. Police said the theft was planned to fund the couple's wedding and executed with startling simplicity after Nitin managed to lay his hands on the showroom keys.

According to police, Nitin had been working at the showroom for about a month and half. Yet, the brief stint was enough for him to learn exactly where the most valuable ornaments were stored, how the premises operated and, most importantly, who carried the keys. A day before the theft, Nitin organised a party for showroom staff, telling colleagues that his marriage with Kajal had been finalised. During the gathering, he allegedly persuaded cashier Gautam Raj, who held the showroom's keys, to drink heavily. Later, he offered to drop him home and allegedly removed the main entrance key from the cashier's bag.

The following morning, around 7am, Nitin returned to the showroom with an accomplice. CCTV footage reviewed by police showed the pair opening the shutter lock using the stolen key and walking in casually. "They knew gold, diamond and gem-studded jewellery was stored on the first floor and targeted only that section," DCP Dhawal Jaiswal said.

Police recovered around 2kg of gold ornaments valued at Rs 3.1 crore and Rs 6.5 lakh in cash from the accused.

No evidence to substantiate the claim of question paper leak, says university

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The communication also attached screenshots of chats in which question papers were allegedly being shared and sold. "The official has received an email dated June 3 from Ignou learners. The mail raises a serious concern regarding widespread claims circulating on the Telegram channel, wherein certain individuals are allegedly charging money and promising question papers. In order to avoid such complaints, you are requested to direct your examination centre superintendents to follow the instructions carefully," the email read.

One such email, received by several students on June 3 and seen by TOI, claimed that question papers for macro economics analysis and other subjects could be obtained through a Telegram channel for Rs 199 per subject.

The sender instructed recipients not to share the papers further, warning that doing so could lead to cancellation of the examination, and claimed to have access to question papers up to two hours before the exam. The message also offered to provide solutions along with the papers, where possible. In its response to TOI, the university said a complaint about question papers on sale was immediately referred to police. There was no immediate response from cops.

'However, faculty members pointed that the university intimated all its regional centres asking to beef up security measures due to the suspected breach'

"As of date, no information regarding any alleged question paper leakage has been received from any regional centre, examination centre, or any other reliable source. Therefore, there is no evidence at present to substantiate the claim of a question paper leak, hence the constituting an inquiry committee does not arise," it said.

However, faculty members pointed that the university intimated all its regional centres asking to beef up security measures due to the suspected breach.

The university said it's investigation found the allegations as "baseless", hence the papers were not cancelled.

All centres were directed to tighten security arrangements, deploy observers, restrict the use of mobile phones by examination staff, prevent unauthorised access to examination venues and ensure that confidential question papers remain under the personal custody of centre superintendents. Ignou's June-July term-end examinations for undergraduate and postgraduate students are under way from June 1 to July 21 across the country.

University officials said that around nine lakh students are appearing at more than 900 examination centres nationwide covering nearly 2,000 courses.

According to the university datesheet, examinations are being conducted in two daily sessions — a morning session from 10am to 1pm and an evening session from 2pm to 5pm.

However, information regarding exactly which subjects or courses may have been affected by the alleged leak between June 1 and June 4 was not immediately clear. The leak allegations come amid another examination-related lapse.

'Kafir' screenshot case: SIT arrests DYFI activist

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Kozhikode: SIT (special investigation team) probing the controversial 'Kafir screenshot' case, which had sparked a major political row during the 2024 LS elections, arrested a DYFI worker for allegedly sharing the screenshot in a Left-leaning WhatsApp group. SIT, led by district CB deputy SP T Manoharan, arrested Jithin Bhaskar, who is a member of DYFI's Vadakara block committee and CPM's Thuruthi local committee in Thiruvallur on Tuesday.

SIT said Bhaskar was the first one to forward the screenshot in the WhatsApp group named 'Vadakara Squad'. It also found that he had personally forwarded the screenshot to many persons. Bhaskar is also an administrator of 'Vadakara Squad' WhatsApp group. Police said the team will seek his custody for further questioning to find the person who created the post. Police booked him under various IPC provisions, including charges related to promoting communal disharmony, attempting to incite unrest and destruction of evidence. The screenshot reportedly portrayed Vadakara LDF candidate Shailaja as a 'kafir' and UDF candidate Shafi Parambil as a pious person, sparking controversy during the poll campaign.

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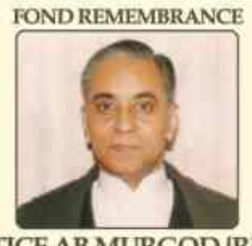

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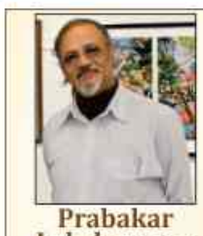

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'Cabo Verde will always be special; we relished their World Cup debut'

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There were two days of prayers with the country's president, ministers, and top dignitaries among thousands in attendance for the funeral," his nephew Fr Ralin de Souza told **TOI** on Tuesday.

"They were six (newly-ordained) priests from the Archdiocese of Goa who left in the late fifties and continued to work there even after Liberation. They did a lot of good work and the largest avenue being named after my uncle in 2020 is proof of the kind of influence he had in the country." De Souza remembered. Fr Pimenta Pereira hailed from the Pajifond locality in south Goa's Margao, and his family still lives in the same ancestral house. Accompanying him and five other priests on the mission to Cabo Verde was the bishop of Cabo Verde, Dom Jose Colaco, also from Margao. The last of the Goan missionaries to pass away was Fr Floriano Rodrigues who hailed from Verna, in 2022.

REMEMBRANCE: Fr Pereira with Pope John Paul II in 2002

Portugal colonised Cabo Verde from 1462 to 1975 and spent over 450 years in Goa between 1510 and 1961. "Cabo Verde will forever remain special. We were all naturally excited at their World Cup debut. Playing Spain on debut is scary, but they did remarkably well to hold them goalless. There are more people living outside the country than within, and since many of them come from diverse backgrounds, we didn't really know how they would perform," said de Souza, who attended his uncle's funeral in 2007. Sigmund de Souza, a veteran of Goa's music scene, has never been to the archipelago nation of six lakh inhabitants off Africa's west coast, but during a concert last week, a gentleman hailing from the island approached him and told him they are related.

"He said he was Jean Valadares Dupret, and that his grandmother is one of my wife's aunts. She moved to France and her son went to Cabo Verde and settled there," revealed Sigmund.

Up until then, Sigmund's connection to Cabo Verde was through music and Portuguese songs, even though he does not speak the language. Cabo Verdeans sway to the sound of morna, a homegrown folk music laced with longing, with saudade its most famous song. The beautifully melancholic musical style, like fado, is tinged with regret, longing. "Saudade refers to longing. 'Estou com muita saudade de voce' (I miss you so much)," said Sigmund. Saudade rings out every time the Blue Sharks take the field at the World Cup.

Stalker stabs 16-yr-old girl in neck in Kerala, arrested

T'puram: A teen girl was seriously injured after a youth allegedly stabbed her in an apparent attempt to murder her for rejecting his romantic advances around 12.30pm at Kanyakulangara near Vattappara on Tuesday. Vattappara police said the accused was arrested late on Tuesday while he tried to go into hiding along with a relative. The accused has been identified as Sahad (21) of Panavoor. Police recovered the knife allegedly used for the attack from the crime scene.

The victim, 16, a plus two student of Neduveli Higher Secondary School from Kanyakulangara, sustained deep injuries to her neck and face. She was rushed to the Thiruvananthapuram Govt Medical College Hospital, where her condition is reported to be stable. Police said Sahad had been persistently stalking the girl despite her repeatedly rejecting his proposal. On Tuesday, he allegedly arrived in a car and waited near the girl's house. When she stepped out to collect a book from a nearby location, he allegedly intercepted her in a secluded area and attacked her with a knife. TNN

Newton a 'pilot', Hampi turns Konark in Odia textbooks

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Bhubaneswar: A large number of grammatical and factual errors have been detected in the newly introduced Odia textbooks for classes I to VIII in govt schools, raising concerns over the quality of books prepared under the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 for the 2026-27 academic session.

The school and mass education department has identified 1,678 spelling, factual and contextual errors in textbooks across multiple subjects and classes. The books were prepared by the directorate of teacher education and the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), which engaged teachers and academic experts for the curriculum overhaul undertaken in line with NEP.

In one textbook, Sir Isaac Newton is described as a "great pilot" instead of a scientist. The text also states that Newton boiled "water" instead of eggs, whereas the intended reference was that he mistakenly boiled his "watch" while engrossed in an experiment.

Several geographical and cultural inaccuracies have also been flagged. A photograph of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly has been identified as that of the Odisha House, while an image of the Hampi temple complex has been used to depict the Konark Sun Temple. Similarly, Humma salt pans have been shown as located in Berhampur district instead of Ganjam, and Niyamgiri has been identified as a mountain range in Jharkhand rather than Odisha.

Apart from numerous spelling mistakes involving place names and historical personalities, textbooks have also been found to contain errors in mathematics, science and geography. In some instances, wheat is written as paddy, glass as cup, temperature as pressure, and equinox as equator.

Errors have been reported not only in Odia textbooks, but also in Hindi, Sanskrit, English and Urdu books.

South's wealth surge driven by soaring urban land values

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Observers attribute this intense concentration of wealth in the south primarily to the exponential appreciation of urban land values over the past two decades in major tech and industrial hubs like Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad. They note that barring Tamil Nadu's C Joseph Vijay, whose wealth stems entirely from a career in cinema, most southern leaders built their fortunes through strategic real estate holdings alongside other businesses, fundamentally widening the financial disparity across country's regional leadership.

A review of the data highlights that India contains 28 states and 8 Union territories. Out of these 36 entities, 30 currently have active legislative assemblies with chief ministerial posts (28 states alongside the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry, while Jammu and Kashmir's central administration alters its immediate data footprint).

Karnataka chief minister DK Shivakumar tops the national list as the wealthiest chief minister, with declared assets of Rs 1,413 crore. He is followed closely by Andhra Pradesh's Chandrababu Naidu at Rs 931 crore, and Joseph Vijay at Rs 648 crore.

Among the other southern leaders, Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy holds assets worth Rs 30 crore against liabilities of Rs 1 crore, while Puducherry's N Rangaswamy has declared Rs 27 crore. Kerala CM VD Satheesan sits at the lower end of the southern spectrum with Rs 6 crore and zero liabilities.

Outside the south, the North-East ranks second with a combined wealth of Rs 447 crore across seven states, heavily skewed by Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu, who alone accounts for Rs 332 crore.

Western states and Punjab collectively register around Rs 32 crore, while eastern India's chief ministers account for a mere Rs 1.8 crore. Jammu and Kashmir's regional leadership landscape leaves Omar Abdullah's affidavit tracking at a modest Rs 55 lakh.

SOUTHERN NETAS HOLD SWAY

Region	States/UT Covered	Total Assets of CMs
South India	5 States + 1 UT	₹3,028 crore
North-East India	7 States	₹447 crore
North India	9 States + 1 UT	₹104 crore
West India	5 States	₹32 crore
East India	2 States	₹1.8 crore
Total	28 States + 2 UTs	₹3,612.8 crore

Source: Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)

Court pulls up doctor for omitting aggravated sexual assault in report

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Before adjourning the hearing, the bench asked counsel for one of the hospitals how much it would voluntarily pay the parents of the deceased girl?

Referring to the report, a partial working day bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana said "some action is required to be taken" and asked the hospital counsel to remain present on the next date of hearing.

Before adjourning the hearing, the bench asked counsel for one of the hospitals how much it would voluntarily pay the parents of the deceased girl? "If you admit negligence and voluntarily compensate the parents, it is fine. Otherwise, we will determine the compensation payable by the hospitals to the parents," it said.

When the father first approached SC, a bench led by the CJI had said, "The petition not only reveals this diabolic offence but also highlights the alleged approach of two private hospitals and the officers of the local police station (Nandgram), which is completely indifferent, inhuman and insensitive."

In its order, the bench had recorded that the parents and their relatives' trauma was aggravated when the local police, instead of taking cognisance of the "horrifying offence, locked them up and physically assaulted them with an admonition to remain silent about the incident".

The court had also faulted the doctor who prepared the postmortem report for failing to mention aggravated sexual assault despite recording "several wounds and the presence of blood observed on the victim's private parts, apart from various injuries on her head and other body parts".

NCR man called to meet lover, killed; 2 held

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Meerut: A 38-year-old sweet shop owner from Greater Noida was allegedly beaten, given electric shocks and forced to consume poison after he was called to meet a woman with whom he was in a relationship, in what police are probing as a suspected honour killing in Bulandshahr's BB Nagar area.

Two accused, including the woman and her husband, were arrested, while police booked five named persons and several unidentified accused for murder, rioting and causing hurt by poison.

Avdhesh Kumar, a resident of Rishalu village in Chhatari area, ran a sweet shop in Surajpur area of Greater Noida.

His brother Krishna Kumar told police that Avdhesh left home on June 14 after receiving repeated calls from the woman, identified as Manju, with whom he was allegedly in a relationship for nearly two years. The family later received information that he was being assaulted at her house.

Rahul Dhangar, a relative of Avdhesh, said, "Avdhesh was married and father of three children. He ran a sweet shop in Surajpur area of Greater Noida, where he came in contact with Kishan Kumar from BB Nagar and fell in love with his wife Manju. Both were in a relationship for the past two years." He added, "Avdhesh had come to the village from Greater Noida on June 13, and the next day Manju called him several times to come to her house. Later, we were informed that he had been killed."

'Seek better ties': Dhaka official in airport row

Dhaka: After sparking a controversy by alleging he was mistreated by Indian immigration officials at Delhi airport, Zahed Ur Rahman, an adviser to Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman, said Tuesday he favours improvement of bilateral ties and his purpose in lodging the protest was merely to send out a message to New Delhi that the current dispensation in Dhaka was different from that of Sheikh Hasina.

"I want to engage with India. There is an opportunity to improve relations in trade and commerce on the basis of equality," Zahed told reporters, a day after he returned without entering Delhi due to what he called "mistreatment by authorities".

The PM's policy and strategy affairs adviser was made to wait at Indian immigration as his name was on the watchlist earlier for anti-India statements. Stressing that it was not his intention to create "any negative situation" through this incident, the adviser said he hopes this will not affect future engagement between the two countries. — **Ahsan Tasnim**

Woman can't seek maintenance hike after husband's death: HC

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Mumbai: In a significant ruling, the Bombay HC recently held that a divorced wife cannot seek enhancement of her maintenance amount that was decreed before her husband's death. But the ex-wife can continue to recover her maintenance for her lifetime and also arrears of maintenance from his assets, even after the husband passes, Justices Bharati Dangre and Manjusha Deshpande held.

A woman from Malabar Hill had filed an appeal in 2023 against a family court order denying enhancement of the maintenance sum after her husband died in 2012. "The wife's right to maintenance is a "a right personal to her" and cannot be alienated. Her claim of maintenance is an entitlement that holds good during her lifetime and extinguishes on her death," said Justice Dangre, who authored the judgment. "Thus the wife can recover maintenance already directed and quantified, through the assets or estate of the dead husband." The maintenance claim cannot be passed on or transferred on the wife's death, HC clarified. The judgment was available on Tuesday.

A wife seeking more maintenance is essentially seeking fresh rights, requiring fresh decision, court said

HC, agreeing with advocate Pradip Chavan, said consequences of allowing enhancement against late husband would result in absurdity, uncertainty and would open the floodgate of litigation. It would defeat principles of finality in succession law, the bench added. The wife's appeal raised specific questions of law. In Jan 2026, the HC framed these questions as one, whether a divorce decree that provides for monthly maintenance could be enforced against the estate of the late husband by the divorced wife. The answer, HC said, was yes, it can. The second, more important one, was if the "right to seek enhancement of permanent maintenance can be enforced against the estate of the late husband." HC said, no, it can't. After analysing the Special Marriage Act, HC said for any enhancement or modification, cancellation of maintenance, both — husband and wife — must be alive. Wife cannot seek enhancement of maintenance sum against heirs of a late husband or ex-husband, it said. The right to seek maintenance is also a personal right and cannot be entertained by court against legal heirs of the husband.

A wife seeking enhanced maintenance is essentially seeking fresh rights, requiring fresh hearing and fresh decision-making. She is not enforcing her existing maintenance already quantified, the HC explained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SCHEDULE

Description of Transferrable Development Rights Certificate	
Property	Developmental Right Certificate
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Originated from	Survey No. : 26/5 **Extent of land acquired** : 22 guntas
	Village : Adur
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	4,451.5 square meters
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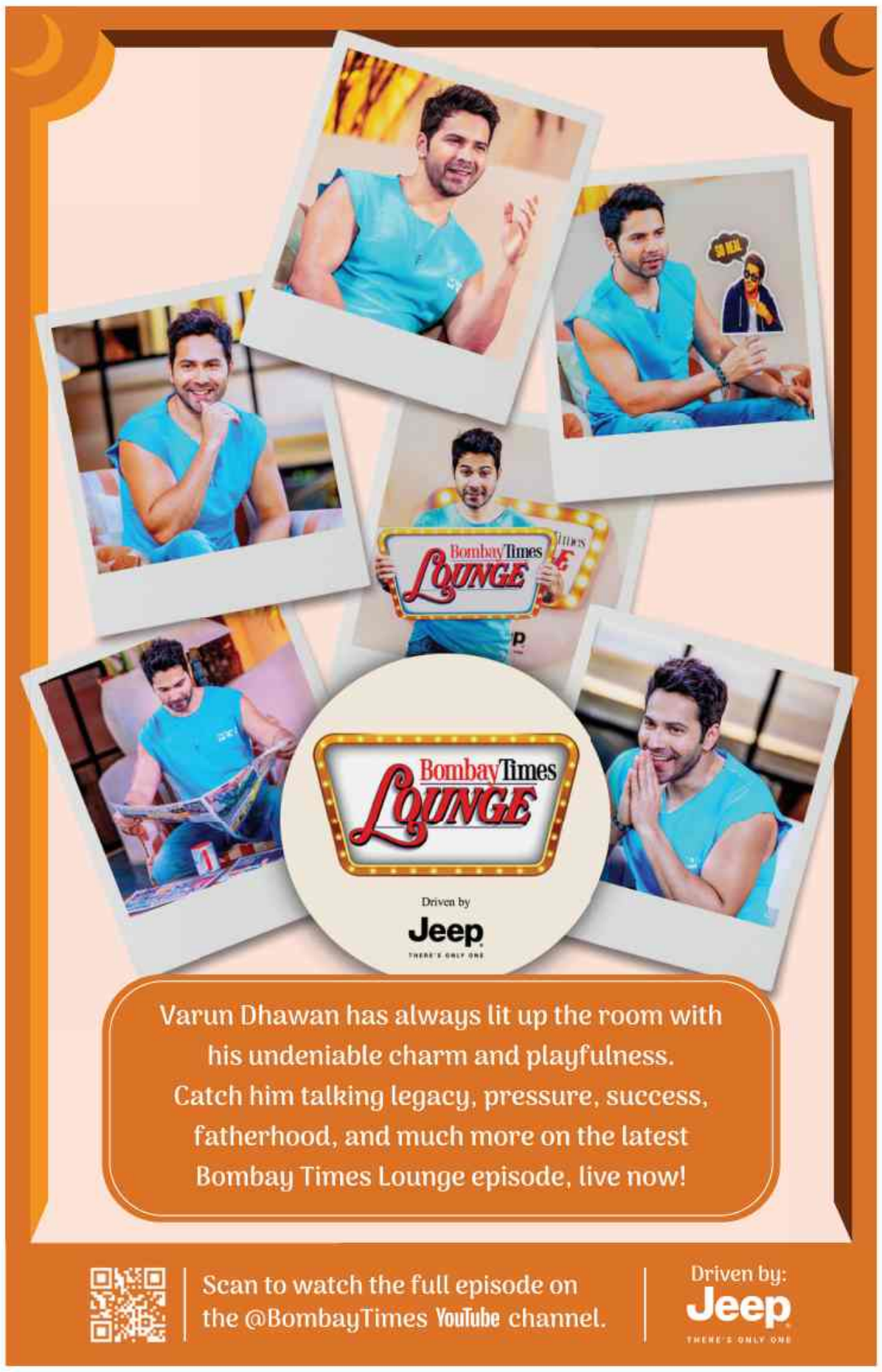

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OPEN E-TENDER

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 11/06/2026. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information, if any, Dy. CMM/P/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340721 or AMM/P, 9163342746. **Office Address:** Office of The PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST)** are as follows : **[1]; 91260170**; Winding Wire Flat Fl Cu Fo 13 CR, Size: BARE [4.00 × 2.00] MM & Insulated [4.23 × 2.23] MM, STR. No. CLW/TM/STR/ 9160, Rev.-1, C&D No.-5712/321, as per Specn.: 4TMS.096.099, Alt-2. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **240217.65 kg; ₹ 2000000.00; 12/08/2026 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 91260947**; Rotor Bar for Scheme-1 Rotor, Drg.: SKEL- 4740 Alt-3 or Latest & C&D No. 5721/402, Specn.: RDSO/2008/EL/SPEC./0063/Rev.-4, STR No.: CLW/TM/9039, Rev.-1 or Latest. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **157242.00 Nos.; ₹ 2000000.00; 24/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. [3]; 91261010**; Associated Components of Machined Stator Assly. each Set Consisting of 11 Items, as per Specn. No.- 4TMS.096.068, Rev.-2, Alt.-2 or Latest as per Annexure-A, C & D N:5780/095. STR No.-RDSO/2007/ EL/STR/0021, Rev.-1 and Drawings as per Annexure-A. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **2510.00 Sets; ₹ 0.00; 20/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. [4]; 91260365**; Suspension Tube Bearing for WAG-9/WAP-7 locos (Cyl. Roller Bearing.DE/NDE) as per Specn. CLW/MS/3/032, Alt.-3 & RDSO/EL/FRS/Bearing/0013-2015, Rev."0". [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **4644.00 Sets; ₹ 2000000.00; 10/08/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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E - TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works)

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/M/OT/MMR/2026-27/30 Dated: 12/06/2026. **Name of the work :** Wheel Shop Annual Shutdown 2026, Work No. 5 (MMR). **Estimated Cost:** Rs.17,55,916/-. **EMD:** Rs.35,100/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 04/07/2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 12 Months.

E - TENDER NOTICE No:RWF/M/OT/MWFPS/2026-27/31 Dated: 12/06/2026

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/M/OT/MWFPS/2026-27/31 Dated: 12/06/2026. **Name of the work :** Annual Maintenance Shutdown of Wheel Shop Equipments for 2026-27 (MWFPS) - Group 4 - Sand Plant, RT-14&15, Draw Furnace, Hot Wheel Line Turn Tables and WFPS Grinding Stations. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.30,72,035/-. **EMD:** Rs.61,400/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 04/07/2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 12 Months.

DY. CME/W-II

E - TENDER NOTICE No:RWF/EL/OT/WSC/2026-27/32 Dated: 16/06/2026

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/EL/OT/WSC/2026-27/32 Dated: 16/06/2026. **Name of the work :** Inspection, Servicing and reconditioning of Transformer of Electric Arc Furnace A. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.29,50,000/-. **Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs.59,000/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 08/07/2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 12 Months.

E - TENDER NOTICE No:RWF/M/OT/SMS/2026-27/33RT Dated: 16/06/2026

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/M/OT/SMS/2026-27/33RT Dated: 16/06/2026. **Name of the work :** Safe Disposal/Recycle/Co-process/TSDF/AFR of Fume Dust -Hazardous waste. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.45,43,000/-. **Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs.90,900/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 08/07/2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 06 Months.

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Date : 16.06.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

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No.SE/BHL/ Ar./1285 **NIT No. 06/2026-27** **Dated:09/06/2026**

Corrigendum-I

PHE 2627WSOB 01368 corr, upload SPPP on dated 09/06/26

NIT No. 06/2026-27 invited by this office vide letter No. 988-989 dated 20.05.2026 are here by amended as follows:-

1. Due to non-responsive action while generation of E-Grass Challan (Technical Issue) the important dates are changed as follows:-

S.No.	Events	Previous Date & Time	Revised Date & Time
a	Availability of tender document	From 21.05.2026	From 21.05.2026
b	Last date & time of downloading tender document from web site.	09.06.2026 up to 6.00 PM	18.06.2026 up to 6.00 PM
c	Last Date & Time of online submission of Tender.	09.06.2026 up to 6.00 PM	18.06.2026 up to 6.00 PM
d	Online Opening of Pre-Qualification bid	10.06.2026 at 3.00 PM	19.06.2026 at 3.00 PM
e	Online Opening of Price bid	Will be intimated later to all pre-qualified bidders.	Will be intimated later to all pre-qualified bidders.

Note: In case there is holiday on the date mentioned at no. c, d, & e the activities assigned on that date shall be carried out on the next working day.

2. Earnest Money,Tender Fees & MD RISL Charges Shall be deposited by E-Grass Challan only.

Sd/-
(Dhanpat Raj Soni)
Superintending Engineer
2PHED Circle Bhilwara

DIPR/C/10476/2026

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 1		
1.	Re-construction of Streets using 80mm Thick Paver Blocks adjoining to Library and Neelam Hotel and various other streets inside village Burail, Chandigarh. (Re-invite). Capital Head : Infrastructure facilities in village/ area merged under MCC. Est. Cost : Rs. 155.75 Lacs EMD : Rs. 3,11,508/- Time Limit : 08 Months	17.06.2026 To 24.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	24.06.2026 at 12.00 noon
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No.2		
2.	Revamp of flooring by providing High Density Chequred Tiles in front of Market / Showrooms / Booths and refixing paver blocks backside SCO in market SCO no 1 to 2 and 35 to 46 and around the Car Bazar Sector 13 Manimajra Chandigarh. Est. Cost : Rs. 75.37 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs 1,50,748/- Time Limit : 03 Months	16.06.2026 To 23.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	23.06.2026 at 12.00 noon

Note:- All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website https://etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Roads Division No.1, Room No.304, M.C. Chandigarh (O) 0172-5021626 and
Roads Division No.2, Room No. 304, M.C. Chandigarh

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕಸೇವಾ ಆಯೋಗ

ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 001.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **KPSCKA/ADMN/COUR/1/2026-ADMN** ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-06-2026.

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕಸೇವಾ ಆಯೋಗದ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಪತ್ರಗಳು/ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು/ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವಿವಿಧ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ/ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕೊರಿಯರ್ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ (ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : KPSC/2026-27/SE0034) ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30-06-2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯೋಗದ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 080-30565802 ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ,
(ಸಹಿ/-)
ಉಪ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ಆಡಳಿತ ಶಾಖೆ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕಸೇವಾ ಆಯೋಗ

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Directorate of School Education Secondary Uttarakhand

Nanoorekhera, Tapovan Road, Raipur Dehradun Tel. 0135-2781440

Bid Notification No /98 / कृ.प.नि.शि. (भी.-122/2026)/2026-27 **Date- 16 June 2026**

"e-Tender Notice"

Directorate of School Education, Secondary, Uttarakhand invites e-Tenders from eligible and experienced Bidders/Firms/agencies for providing Online/Hybrid Coaching for NEET, JEE and CLAT to students of Classes XI and XII studying in Government Schools. Bidders may apply for any one or more coaching programmes (NEET/JEE/CLAT) as per following schedule-

S. No.	Description	Date and Time
1	Bid document available on **'www.uktenders.gov.in'** website for download	16 June 2026, 05:00 PM
2	Pre-Bid Meeting (Directorate of School education Secondary) Uttarakhand.	24 June 2026, 11:00 AM
3	Last date and time for online submission/upload of bid (Technical & Financial)	06 July 2026, 2:00 PM
4	Bid (Technical) opening date & time	07 July 2026, 11:00 PM

Eligibility criteria, detailed instructions/conditions and the prescribed tender document can be downloaded from the website **www.uktenders.gov.in.**

Director, Secondary Education

KARNATAKA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Tumkur Division, Karnataka, Telephone : 0816 2272479

No.EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE-3/T.No.17/2026-27/ Dt. 15-06-2026

Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW-3 & 4
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in **Two** cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 07 work under 5054 KRDCL Bridge Head of account in the jurisdiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The dates are published as below.

(Maximum amount Put to Tender **Rs.159.07 Lakhs** and Minimum amount put to Tender **Rs.79.48 Lakhs** Maximum EMD Amount **Rs. 2,38,611/-** and Minimum EMD Amount Rs. **1,19,227/-**)

1	Last date for tender information enquiries	**25-06-2026: 17-00**
2	Last date for submission of tender	**29-06-2026 : 16-00**
3	Date of opening the Technical bid	**30-06-2026: 16-30**
4	Date of opening the Financial bid	**01-07-2026 : 17-00**

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered, Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/RO-51/26-27/Oysters

14001/49/2627

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2026 (OJEE - 2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING OJEE WEB COUNSELLING FOR 2026-27

No: OJEE /260 **Date: 16.06.2026**

This is for the information of all concerned that OJEE Web-Based Counselling Process for **B.Tech/ B.Arch/ B.Plan/B.CAT and Integrated M.Sc. Programmes** offered by different State Universities, Government and Private colleges will be going to start from **18th June, 2026 (Thursday).**

Interested candidates having valid JEEMAIN 2026/OJEE 2026 Rank as applicable are advised to visit OJEE websites **(www.ojee.nic.in)** and see the detail **Tentative Counselling Schedule** for all above mentioned Programmes/courses.

They are further advised to carefully go through the documents, **"Counselling Brochure" and "Step-by-Step Procedure",** available in the website to get detailed information about the entire counselling process, eligibility criteria and reservation conditions.

All Candidates are also herby informed that be in touch with the website for any updated notifications.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE
ODISHA

OIPR-14001/14020/1/26-27/0002

25001/400/2627

E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in
Ph : 06764 - 236404

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Angul

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR BRIDGE WORKS IN ODISHA
Bid Identification No. Bridge Online AGL- 10/2026-27

No.2053// **Dt. 08.06.2026**

1. Name of the work : Bridge works
2. Total No. of work : 9 Nos.
3. Estimated cost : Rs. 276.50 Lakhs to Rs. 536.39 Lakhs (Approx.)
4. Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Bridge Online-AGL-10/2026-27	19.06.2026 at 10.00 A.M	03.07.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	02.07.2026 up to 1.00 P.M.	04.07.2026 at 10.00 A.M.	Will be intimated separately

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Angul.

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E- TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/ HWH/ E-Procurement 26/21, Dated: 10/06/2026. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.: Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows : **[057]; 29262580;** Set of P.U Paints for touch up for WAG-9HC Twin (EF12K) as per Drg.No. Category No-T/9/0053 AS per specn: M&C/PCN/100/2018 or Latest & M&C/ PCN/ 110/2020 (Rev.1.0) or Latest. **[Warranty Period:** 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document; **01/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[058]; 23265056; 1)** Set of heavy-duty robust housing multistage 12.5mm sq. drive high efficiency reversible impact brushless motor wrench for heavy industrial continuous operation up to loosening torque 1400 Nm. Detail specification and quantity as per Annexure-A, **2)** Matt finish 63 mm long, 32 mm dia knurled grip black universal joint for machine use. 12.5 mm female square designed as per DIN 3121-G-12.5. Male coupler 12.5 mm square make as per DIN 3121-F12.5. Fixing with safety ring/pin. Universal joint weight 194 gm, made chrome molybdenum steel surface phosphate. Detail specification and quantity as per Annexure-A, **3)** Matt finish black knurled grip socket suitable for all standard electrical and air machine device. Socket made from molybdenum special steel with gun metal finish designed according to DIN 3129 and 12.5 mm female square drive made as per DIN 3121-G-12.5. Detail specification and quantity as per Annexure-A, **4)** Matt finish black knurled grip socket bit suitable for all standard electrical and air machines device. Socket and bit made from molybdenum special steel with gun metal designed according to DIN 3121G 12.5 mm. Female square drive 12.5 mm made as per DIN 3121-G-12.5. Detail specification and quantity as per Annexure-A; As Per Tender/Document; **09/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[059]; 31261160;** Battery Box Complete & General Arrangement of Battery Box Assy. as per drawing no. 1209-06.138-001 Alt-8 & 1209-06-138-002 Alt.1 and as per specification no. CLW/ES/3/037 Alt.10 **[Warranty Period:** 240 Months after the date of delivery]; As Per Tender/Document; **13/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[060]; 14262526;** Earthing Switch For VCB with Locking Arrangement To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0010/D; As Per Tender/Document; **15/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[061]; 14262594;** CAB Heater/Ventilation Assly To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0109/G; As Per Tender/Document; **17/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[062]; 14262528;** Battery (NI-CD) As Per Drg./Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0030/E; As Per Tender/Document; **21/07/2026; ₹** 0.00 **[063]; 14262625;** Oil Pump with Motor for Transformer (Wound with Corona Resistance Wire) To Drg./Specn. No. (1) CLW/ES/ 3/ 0106/F & (2) SPEC/E-10/3/09(MOTOR) with Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06; As Per Tender/Document; **21/07/2026; ₹** 0.00. **[064]; 31262501;** Single Core Cable 9 GKW- AX120, 4000 V, BK as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0458/E. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category: Normal ,Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document: **01/09/2026; ₹** 0.00.

PR8/376 **PCMM/CLW/Howrah**

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Open E-Tender

The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in**. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or AMM/HQ, 9163340713 **Office Address:** Office of The PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan.

[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 10/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 73263847. Brief Description of Item: Brass pipe fittings for E-70 brake system for WAG-9HC as per Specn. CLW/TS/99/ CF/5 Alt.9 (Consist of 54 items as per set details attached). [**Warranty Period:** 24 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 864.00 sets. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)** : ₹ 2000000.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 08/07/2026 at 11:00 AM**

[B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 10/06/2026.

Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows :

[1]; 73263712; High Capacity Draft Gear Fitment Suitable General Arrgt. as per Drg.No. SKDL-3430, Alt.8 or Latest as per Specn. RDSO No.49-BD-08 amd. No.1 or Latest [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **1782.00 Numbers; ₹** 1318680.00; **10/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

[2]; 73263871; Copper Pipe Fittings For WAG-9HC for E70 Brake System As Per Specn. CLW/MS/3/067 Alt. 4 & Drg.No. 1209-18.406-066 Ref. 1 to 3 Alt. 2, 1209-18.406-068 Ref. 4 Alt. 2 (Each set Consists of 04 items as per set details attached). [**Warranty Period:** 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **651.00 sets;** 124840.00; **14/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

PR6/374 **PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
BID IDENTIFICATION NO. PMGSY ONLINE RWCSBP-11/2026-27

1. Name of the Work : Road Works
2. Total No. of works : 17 nos Road work
3. Estimated cost : Rs.86.96 lakhs to Rs. 296.18 lakhs
4. Class of contractor : 'B' & 'A'
5. Other details : As mentioned in DTCN

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	PMGSY ONLINE RWCSBP-11/2026-27	22.06.2026 11.00 A.M	10.07.2026 05.00 P.M

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur

OIPR-25001/25091/1/26-27/0016

34001/355/2627

E-mail ID:cebuildings_orissa@yahoo.co.in
cebuildings@rediffmail.com
Tel. (0674)-2391523

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA

NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No.-B-IV-H-(H&D)-94/2024 21094 / Bhubaneswar, the 16th June, 2026

Invitation for Bids
1st Corrigendum

Tender Reference No. CE-Bldg-I-12/2026-27

Name of the Works : Construction of Academic, Administrative and Hostel Building for ANMTC Baripada in the district of Mayurbhanj for the year 2025-26.

The following changes have been made in Bid Identification No. **CE-Bldg-I-12/2026-27**

1. Bid documents such as DTCN BOQ etc. can be seen downloaded from the Govt. Website i.e. **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**, during the period from **dt.24.06.2026 to 17.00 hours of dt.09.07.2026** instead of dt.12.06.2026 to dt.29.06.2026 for ONLINE BIDDING respectively.
2. Online bids shall be received till **17.00 Hours of dt.09.07.2026** instead of dt.29.06.2026.
3. The technical bids will be opened at **11.30 A.M. of dt.10.07.2026** instead of dt.30.06.2026.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Buildings-I,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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25001/421/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION ORGANISATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RWS&S DIVISION, ANGUL : AT : TALCHER
At- Baghuabole, Po.- Hatatota, Talcher, Dist.- Angul, Pin-759100
(Ph. No./Fax-06760-240762, E-mail: eerwssang@gmail.com)

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]
Bid Identification No. 07/SE/RWSS/2026-27 Dt. 12.06.2026

1. The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Angul on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites lump sum bid in **DOUBLE** cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for pipe line work in Angul District.
2. Name of the work : **PWS Work.**
3. No. of Work : **01 (One) No.**
4. Value of the Work : **Rs. 359.33 Lakhs**
5. Concerned tender inviting authority : **Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Angul : at : Talcher**
6. Security amount (Rs.) (**Online**) : Nil
7. Cost of Bid documents (Rs.) (Online) : **Rs. 10,000/-**
8. Class of Bidder : **"A" Class**
9. Period of Completion : **240 days**
10. Availability of bid documents in the website : **From date. 22.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M to date. 06.07.2026 till 5.30 P.M**
11. Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification : Up to **30.06.2026 till 12.00 Noon**
12. Date of Opening of Bid : On date. **07.07.2026 at 12.00 Noon**

The bidders have to participate in the tender through **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be had from the website i.e **http://tendersorissa.gov.in.**

Subsequent corrigendum / addendum if required shall only be appeared in the above website.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer**
RWS&S Division, Angul: at: Talcher

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DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Ground Floor, Heads of the Department Building, Bhubaneswar-751001
email : dph.orissa@gmail.com

Request for Proposal (RFP) - Selection of Agency for Design, Development, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of a Cancer Care Command Centre (C4)

Advt. No.: DPH/NCD/2026/01 **Date : 17.06.2026**

The Director, Public Health, Odisha, invites sealed proposals from eligible bidders for the Design, Development, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of a Cancer Care Command Centre (C4). Bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria of the RFP can download the complete RFP document and other details from the website: **https://health.odisha.gov.in** (under link: "Tender & Advt.")

The bid schedule is as mentioned below:

Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	Last date & time of submission of bid	Date & time of Opening of Technical Bid
23.6.2026, 3.30 PM	**18.7.2026, 4 PM**	**18.7.2026, 4.30 PM**

Any clarification/amendments in the above RFP due to the decision in the pre-bid meeting shall **only** be notified in the **website mentioned above**. The sealed proposals should reach the office of the undersigned by **courier / registered post** on or before the stipulated date & time of bid submission mentioned above.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals or cancel the bid without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director Public Health, Odisha

OIPR-10001/10001/1/26-27/0003

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders (IREPS) for the following works:

E-(IREPS) Tender Notice No. 10 UBL 2026-27 Dated: 09-06-2026

Sl.	Name of Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division :-** Londa-Miraj (LD-MRJ): Collection of Hydrometrological data during and after monsoon for 2 years (2026-27 and 2027-28) at 1) Br.No. 44 @ KM 583/700 - 900 of span 10 x 6.10m + 3 x 9.10m between Gunji-Khanapur (GNJ-KNP) and 2) Br.No.184 @ Km 716/00 - 900 of span 14 x 45.72m between Kudchi Ugarkhurd (KUD-UGR) in Londa-Miraj (LD-MRJ) section.	**Rs. 48,87,848/-**
2	**Hubballi Division:-** Londa-Miraj(LD-MRJ): Protection work for the bridge and bank due to river flooding at Bridge No. 86, 87, 88, 90, 91 and 34 between KM 553/400 to 557/200 and 579/200 to 579/400.	**Rs. 8,78,95,804/-**
3	**Hubballi Division:- Sub Work-I:**-Londa-Vasco-da-gama (LD-VSG) section: Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.06 @ KM 10/200 - 300 between Londa-Tavargatti (LD-TGT) station respectively by BOX pushing Method. **Sub Work-II:** Londa-Vasco-da-gama (LD-VSG) section: Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 07 @ KM 12/0 - 100 in TGT Yard respectively by BOX pushing method	**Rs. 11,43,66,812/-**
4	**Hubballi Division :-** Cess Ballast Collection Bhairidevarakoppa (BDKA) and Navalur (NVU) yards.	**Rs. 1,34,76,055/-**

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09-07-2026**

E-(IREPS) Tender Notice No. 11 UBL 2026-27 Dated: 10-06-2026

Sl.	Name of Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division:**Londa-Miraj (LD-MRJ) Section-Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.413@ Km.643/300-400 in between Suldhal-Pachhapur (SUL-PCH) Station respectively by Air/Box pushing method.	**Rs. 6,24,02,121/-**
2	**Hubballi Division:-** Cleaning of PVC tanks, GLRs and OHT's under Assistant Divisional Engineer/HQ/Jurisdiction for One Year.	**Rs. 35,92,849/-**
3	**Hubballi Division :-** Provision of Tactile path in stations under Senior Divisional Engineer/West/Jurisdiction.	**Rs. 1,82,00,827/-**
4	**Hubballi Division :-** Provision of Tactile path in stations under Senior Divisional Engineer/HQ/Jurisdiction.	**Rs. 69,68,597/-**
5	**Hubballi Division:-** Provision of Tactile path in stations under Senior Divisional Engineer/Central/Jurisdiction.	**Rs. 2,20,23,892/-**
6	**Hubballi Division:-** Hebsur: Provision of 02 additional loop lines.	**Rs. 10,64,12,687/-**
7	**Hubballi Division:-** Provision of Tactile path in stations under Senior Divisional Engineer/East/Jurisdiction.	**Rs. 1,75,19,578/-**

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 10-07-2026**

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Hidden costs of busy leadership

While Tech Has Made Communication Instantaneous, It Has Left Leaders With Less Time For Mentoring, Listening

By Rajorshi Ganguli

One of the biggest leadership challenges in organisations today is not capability, intelligence, or strategy. It is attention.

Leaders across industries are busier than ever. Meetings, emails, dashboards, notifications, and operational firefighting consume their days. Technology has made communication instantaneous, but it has also created workplaces where leaders are continuously interrupted and mentally fragmented. Many leaders also spend excessive time on work one-two levels below what their roles actually demand. The overall result is a growing crisis of leadership attention.

When leadership becomes transactional

In many organisations, managers are gradually evolving into "process controllers" rather than leaders. They are becoming highly efficient at managing workflows, trackers, governance mechanisms, and reporting systems, but are finding less time for coaching, mentoring, listening, and inspiring teams.

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The steep cost of fragmented attention

Middle managers, in particular, face pressure from both sides. Senior leadership expects faster delivery and tighter governance, while teams expect accessibility, coaching, and emotional support. To cope, many managers default to what feels measurable and controllable: processes.

Over time, this creates several organisational risks.

1. Employee engagement weakens. Employees may comply with systems, but they do not necessarily feel connected to leaders.

2. Fragmented attention affects decision quality as strong leadership decisions require reflection, context, thoughtful listening, and strategic thinking.

3. Innovation and ownership suffer. Teams that are continuously monitored tend to focus more on avoiding mistakes than taking initiative. Finally, leadership effectiveness itself declines.

Warning signs leaders should notice

There are a few warning signs leaders should consciously watch for. If every day feels reactive rather than purposeful, leadership attention may already be fragmented. If managers spend more time responding than thinking, more time monitoring than mentoring, or more time reviewing dashboards than speaking meaningfully with teams, the imbalance becomes visible. Another dangerous trap is confusing busyness with effectiveness. A packed calendar does not automatically indicate that contribution is meaningful.

Reclaiming human leadership

The challenge is not whether processes are important. Organisations absolutely need structure, governance, and accountability. The real issue arises when process management completely overshadows people leadership.

So how can organisations restore this balance?

Leadership success must be defined beyond operational delivery alone. Metrics matter, but coaching, collaboration, succession building, team development, and employee engagement should be equally important. Leaders must consciously protect thinking time.

Finally, leaders must practice focused presence. Employees quickly notice whether their leaders are genuinely listening or merely attending conversations while distracted by devices and deadlines.

In the coming years, artificial intelligence and automation will increasingly manage operational monitoring and reporting across industries. Ironically, this makes human leadership even more important, not less.

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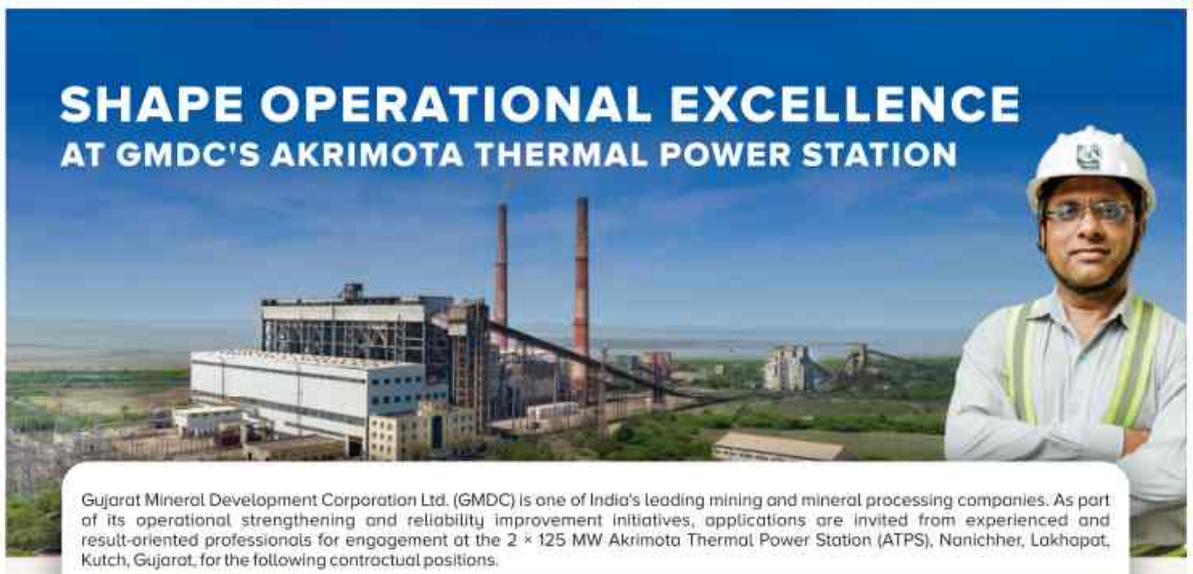

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Hunt on for BMC official who cheated actor's family

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Mumbai: The Mumbai crime branch has issued a lookout notice against suspended BMC assistant municipal commissioner Mahesh Patil, an accused in the Rs 16.24 crore cheating case lodged by actor Javed Jaffrey's family. Crime branch officials issued the lookout notice earlier this month amid concerns that Patil might leave the country.

The crime branch's property cell had earlier arrested UK-based businessman Nishit Patel for allegedly cheating actor Javed Jaffrey, his wife Habiba Jaffrey and their relatives of Rs 16.24 crore on the promise of lucrative returns through investments linked to the redevelopment of the New Kamalkunj project in Bandra West.

Javid Jaffery's wife first met Patil at his BMC office in April 2024 for some clarification regarding a tax-related matter. Patil allegedly told her about an investment opportunity in a Bandra property project and advised her to channel it through Patel. Police alleged that Nishit Patel frequently visited the Jaffrey residence, presented project layouts and maps, and persuaded the family to invest nearly Rs 30 crore in exchange for commercial space in the proposed redevelopment project. He allegedly furnished forged letters purportedly issued by a private bank and other fabricated project-related documents. Crime branch officials said forged documents and false assurances were used to collect nearly Rs 16 crore from Javed Jaffrey, his relatives and other investors.

Police sources said that several influential individuals, including retired police officers, civic officials, artists and retired judges had allegedly invested amounts ranging from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 20 crore in the project after being promised substantial returns. The alleged fraud came to light in July 2025.

Restriction will end on June 22: NTA

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A second order requires Telegram to switch off its message-editing feature in India till June 30 — a tool NTA said cheating rackets have misused to plant question papers into old posts and pass them off as proof of a leak.

The second order, experts said, is meant to deal with the real danger. "The problem with Telegram channel is not the sharing of a leaked paper; there are many other ways of doing it," IIT Kanpur director Manindra Agrawal said. "Rather, it can be used to spread fake news of a leak that appears genuine. It was done by someone during JEE Advanced. It causes unnecessary confusion."

IIT Madras director V Kamakoti made the same point in a video on social media, showing how it had been done to fake "leaks" for JEE Advanced and IISER Aptitude Test. His message to candidates and parents was simple: "Don't fall for it. Stay focused on your prep." NTA welcomed the move, calling it "calibrated and bounded in time".

NTA admitted the blocking of Telegram inconveniences "lakhs of citizens" who use it for legitimate reasons and said that it "sincerely regrets" it, pointing out that the restriction would end on June 22.

Man poses as ED officer for info on scam probe

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New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a complaint with Delhi Police alleging that an unidentified man impersonated one of its senior officers and tried to obtain details of an ongoing GST evasion probe linked to an alleged Rs 4,600-crore online gaming scam.

According to the complaint, an officer of additional director rank brought to the agency's notice an attempt to gather sensitive information related to the investigation by impersonating him.

Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) of Ghaziabad Regional Unit is probing the case. The officer stated that on May 19, an unidentified person called a senior investigating officer of DGGI and fraudulently introduced himself as an additional director of ED. He had allegedly sought details of the probe, including information about the accused and the action taken against them.

On checking the caller's identity through a mobile application, officers found that the person was a fraud..

Uddhav's MPs landing in Delhi today to effect a split: Reports

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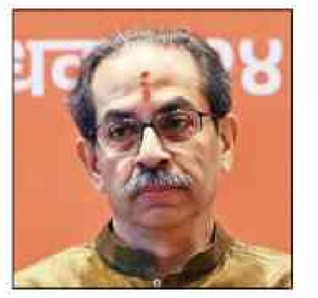

Sena UBT had on Sunday claimed all nine MPs were present for the meeting called by Uddhav

Mumbai: Amid speculation that some Lok Sabha MPs of Sena UBT may be headed to Maharashtra deputy CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, there were reports on Tuesday evening that six of the Uddhav Thackeray camp's nine LS MPs could reach New Delhi on Wednesday. Sena functionaries said Shinde could also reach the national capital on Wednesday.

There was speculation that the six UBT MPs could form a separate group by giving a letter to LS Speaker Om Birla in the next few days.

Sena functionaries said Sena UBT's Parbhani MP Sanjay Jadhav has been promised a ministerial berth at the Centre. Sources also said he has been assured of a large amount of funds for his constituency. Hingoli MP Nagesh Patil Ashtikar too has been assured of funds for his constituency and a poll ticket again in 2029. Another MP, Omraje Nimbalkar, considered close to Uddhav, was also reported to be in New Delhi on Tuesday. UBT camp's Shirdi MP Bhausaheb Wakchoure has decided to join the Shinde Sena as he does not see a future in Thackeray's party, Sena functionaries claimed.

However, Sena UBT MP Sanjay Raut said there was no substance to the talk and all MPs were with the party. "Ours is a cadre-based party. We have no information about anyone forming a separate group," he said. Raut, who is a Rajya Sabha MP, has also been in Delhi from Monday, along with another UBT Sena MP Anil Desai.

Sena minister Pratap Sarnaik said, "Our operation is always ongoing. However, at present, no MP from the Thackeray-led Sena is in contact with us. But there is a big opportunity available in the Shiv Sena for all those public representatives who want to join the party."

Sena UBT had on Sunday claimed that all of its nine MPs were present for the meeting called by Uddhav. However, only four MPs were physically present at Matoshree, and the party claimed five MPs were present online. All those who were present online had given valid reasons to Uddhav for their absence, Sena UBT functionaries said.

Raut said, "All these MPs took part in a meeting called by Uddhav ji and expressed faith in his leadership."

Meanwhile, Eknath Shinde did not answer any questions posed to him on the speculation about Shiv Sena UBT MPs joining him.

Uddhav calls meeting of MLAs & MLCs on first day of House session Monday

After summoning all the Lok Sabha MPs of his party last Sunday, Uddhav Thackeray has called a meeting of all MLAs and MLCs on June 22, first day of the monsoon session of the state legislature. Uddhav will address them at Shivalay, the party's office at 4pm, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**. Sena UBT has 20 MLAs and six MLCs in the state legislature. Shinde Sena's senior politicians fuelled speculation about the UBT MPs' shift further on Tuesday, with MLC Krupal Tumane saying their discussion with "seven" UBT MPs as part of 'Operation Tiger' to get them over to their side had reached its "final stages" and Sena minister Pratap Sarnaik saying "doors of the Shiv Sena are open" to the Thackeray camp's MPs and MLAs.

PM: India always followed principle of humanity first

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(From L) US President Donald Trump, Kenyan President William Ruto and French President Emmanuel Macron, British PM Keir Starmer, PM Narendra Modi, Canadian PM Mark Carney and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz during the G7 summit, in Evian, France, on Tuesday

And the future of our partnerships depends on rebuilding this trust," said the PM, participating in the session on forging new partnerships and rebuilding international solidarity. Modi also underlined that, in an interconnected world, where energy, food, health, cyber, and economic security are intertwined, building international partnerships was a necessity for the progress and prosperity of humanity.

Modi also called upon the world to move from donor-recipient to partnerships based on solidarity and equality, saying the Global South has immense expectations from the world. "More than support, it seeks partnership. We must move beyond the donor-recipient mindset and work as equal partners. We must walk together and not merely alongside one another," said Modi.

"India believes that the true test of partnership is not what we build for others, but what we enable others to build for themselves. Our development partnerships reflect the same spirit," he added.

This was the first outreach session that Modi and other invited leaders participated in. Earlier in the day, French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed G7 and invited leaders at the summit venue in French resort town of Evian-les-Bains.

"Sharing India's approach to international cooperation, PM said India has always followed the principle of humanity first, and this thought continues to be at the centre of its efforts, be it pursuing action under International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Global Bio-fuel Alliance, Mission LiFE or Ek Ped Maa ke Naam campaign," said an Indian readout of his speech.

Cops bust mule bank account network; 10 held

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi Police has busted an organised mule bank account racket operating across India and arrested 10 accused who allegedly procured and supplied bank accounts to cyber fraudsters for routing proceeds of online scams.

The syndicate primarily targeted unemployed and financially vulnerable individuals who had come to Delhi in search of work.

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The investigation was initiated after a Kerala resident was duped of Rs 2 lakh in an online fraud. "During the probe, police traced the money to a mule account maintained with a private bank. Further financial trail analysis revealed that the account was part of a larger network supplying bank accounts to cyber criminals for receiving and routing proceeds of online scams," said DCP (east) Rajeev Kumar.

Police identified Vijay Kumar (31) as the kingpin. He allegedly operated two clothing stores in Laxmi Nagar, which were used as a front to lure job seekers. Further probe exposed the network, leading to arrests of nine others. TNN

Annamalai: NEET security plans add stress

Chennai: Former BJP leader **K Annamalai** on Tuesday criticised the Union govt for the alleged complex security plans for the June 21 NEET retest.

He took to social media and flayed measures such as airlifting question papers, four-layer AI CCTV surveillance, and biometric frisking. "Instead of creating new problems with overcomplicated arrangements, the govt should find meaningful solutions," he said.

Annamalai pointed out that the extended frisking, enhanced scrutiny, and a subsequent 15-minute increase in overall exam time, from 180 minutes to 195 minutes, would severely compound student anxiety. TNN

Speeding car rams egg cart

New Delhi: A speeding car crashed into an egg cart in northwest Delhi's Tri Nagar, leaving four people injured before the driver fled the scene.

The incident occurred on June 10 in Street no. 24, Rampura. According to the CCTV footage, the impact was so severe that the cart was nearly crushed, while several people standing around it having food were thrown aside and injured.

All four victims received medical treatment and have since been discharged from the hospital.

Following the investigation, police arrested the accused driver, identified as Punit, 31, a resident of Rampura. TNN

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[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 11/06/2026. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows : **[1]; 75263863;** Corrugated Flexible Hose/Ducting For WAG-9HC, CLW'S DRG. NO. 1209-11.344-051 ALT-1 [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **490.00 Set;** ₹ 0.00; **13/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75264086;** Wind Screen Assly for WAG 9HC Loco, As Per Specn.no.CLW/MS/3/027 ALT-6 and Drg. No. 1209-08,130-263 Alt.3 Category No. R/9/0027. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **390.00 Set;** ₹ 276120.00; **25/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

[B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 12/06/2026. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: **[1]; 75263896;** Fire Extinguishing System 22.5 kg. CO2 with accessories for WAG-9HC/WAP-7 loco to Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/108 Alt.9 [As per set details attached] [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **585.00 sets;** ₹838010.00; **20/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75264061;** BOLSTER ASSLY for WAG-9 HC to SPEC. NO. CLW/MS/3/154, Alt.3 (As per set details attached) [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **365.00 Set;** ₹2000000.00; **08/08/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

PR3/379 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-06/2026-27

1. The Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below :
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 4 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs. 10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class/ Special Class/Super Class
6. Available of bid document the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 19.06.2026 to 5.30 PM of 06.07.2026
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 07.07.2026 at 11.30 A.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha
OIPR-34001/34181/1/26-27/0010

RAJASTHAN STATE GANGANAGAR SUGAR MILLS LIMITED
(Centre of Excellence for Revenue Research & Analysis)
Tel: 0141-2740841, Fax: 0141-2740676, Email-ID : dgmpurchase.rsgsm@rajasthan.gov.in

NIB No. :- RSGSM/Loading-Unloading/Open Bid/2026-27/08 Dated :- 15/06/2026

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for hiring of Loading-Unloading services at various Reduction Canter and Depots of RSGSM are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 p.m. of 30.06.2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in)** of the state and departmental website **http://excise.rajasthan.gov.in. UBN : GSM2627SLRC00025**

Raj.Samwad/C/26/4973 Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, AMARAVATI

Tender is invited through e-procurement platform for supply of Student Kit items under "Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra" (SRKVM-II) vide Tender Notice NIT No.28/2025, Dt.16.06.2026 in Samagra Shiksha, Amaravati at Patamata, Vijayawada for 01 work in the state of Andhra Pradesh. **Tender downloading starts from**:17.06.2026 after 10.30PM. **Last date for receipt of tender**: 26.06.2026 upto 05.00PM. **Note:** Further details can be viewed at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact **+919154294118.**

Sd/- **B. Srinivasa Rao**, I.A.S
State Project Director, APSS, Amaravati

DIPR No:5179PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt:16/06/2026

TNPL TAMIL NADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist. Tamil Nadu.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
262713 001617	Debarked Eucalyptus Grandis Pulpwood from open market sources of Kerala to TNPL Unit - I.	02.07.2026
262723 000991	Debarked Eucalyptus Pulpwood from open market sources of Karnataka to TNPL Unit - II.	03.07.2026

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our website : **www.tnpl.com**

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TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)
(A Government of Gujarat undertaking)
Udyog Bhavan, Block No. 16, 4th Floor, Sector-11, Gandhinagar - 382 011
Website: https://www.gujarattourism.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE

Expression of Interest is invited for **Empanelment of Event Management Agencies across various categories for Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited.**

The requirements, eligibility criteria, selection process, etc. are included in the EOI document, which shall be available for download from the websites https://tender.nprocure.com/ and https://www.gujarattourism.com from 19/06/2026 onwards.

The last date for submission of the Application is 09/07/2026. The online applications must be submitted up to **3:00 pm** and the physical applications must be submitted up to **5:30 pm**.

Managing Director

North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC)
Garchuk, Guwahati, Assam

EOI Notice No.: NEHHDC/PURVI/2026/27/251 Dated: 15-06-2026

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC) under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible entities for selection of franchise partners to operate "PURVI" showrooms for sale of North East India's finest Handicrafts, Handlooms and cultural products on PPP mode.

The detailed EOI document containing eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and submission procedure is available on CPP Portal (**https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**) and website **www.nehhdc.com**.

Date of Issue of EOI: 16-06-2026

Last Date for Submission of EOI: 07-07-2026

EOI shall be submitted as per the instructions provided in the EOI document.

Sd/- **Managing Director**
NEHHDC Ltd., Garchuk, Guwahati, Assam

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
(Office: Chief Engineer/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana.)

Tender Enquiry No. 13/CE/P&M/2026

CE/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-Tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery of Insulated Aerial Work Platform and Hotline tools for Hotline working at 66 kV voltage level and providing Manpower for Hotline Working. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 17.06.2026 from 11:00 hrs onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

C658/26, DPR/Pb.: 1079/12/2026-27/12420

GUJARAT METRO RAIL CORPORATION (GMRC) LIMITED
(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Dated : 17.06.2026

E-Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced Contractors for the following tender :

Tender No and Name	Tender Fees
GMRC/O&M/TRACK MAINTENANCE/NS/PH-1&2/2026 "Track Maintenance Work of NS Corridor : Part-A (APMC Station to Motera Station including Gyaspur Depot, Ramp and Pocket track) of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-1 & Part-B (Motera Stations end to Mahatma Mandir Station, GNLU-Gift City Corridor including Indroda Park Depot, Ramp, Pocket track, Exit & Entry lines and dead ends) of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-2"	INR 25,000/-
GMRC/O&M/TRACK MAINTENANCE/EW/PH-1/2026 "Track Maintenance Work of EW Corridor (Thaltej Gam Station to Vastral Gam Station with Dead Ends including Apparel Park Depot & Ramps) of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-1"	INR 25,000/-

Interested bidders are requested to visit **https://tender.nprocure.com** for eligibility criteria, applying/ downloading the tender document. **Last date and time for Bid Submissions is 15:00 Hrs. on 08.07.2026.**

Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc. will be uploaded on **https://tender.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

General Manager - Civil, GMRC

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2026-27/1633 Date:15.06.2026

-ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP PORTAL):-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item ratetenders from the eligible contractors registered in KPP Portal in Public Works Department under KW-1,2,3&4 Standard tender documents for a work under 5054 KRDCL, 5054 MDR Improvements, 5054 SH Improvements, 8443 Deposit Contribution, 4059 CMIDP Works, Total 30 number of works with minimum and maximum tender amounts of Rs.4.83 Lakhs and Rs.388.64 Lakhs respectively and minimum and maximum EMD amount of Rs. 6,100/- and Rs.5,83,300/- Part-1:Tender receipt Date is on 23.06.2026 up to 4.30 PM , Technical Bid Opening Date is on 24.06.2026 after 4.45 PM Part-2: Tender receipt Date is on 03.07.2026 up to 4.30 PM, Technical Bid Opening Date is on 04.07.2026 after 4.45 PM Part-3: Tender receipt Date is on 09.07.2026 up to 4.30 PM Technical Bid Opening Date is on 10.07.2026 after 4.45 PM For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in after 15.06.2026.(Note:1) If no bids received, 3 days One Time auto extension activated.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Belagavi Dn. Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-431/KSMCA/2026-27

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Applicants for the above 2 positions may send their detailed resume (along with present/last held position in the organization hierarchy, Current/Last drawn CTC, & expected CTC) by email at recruitment@opalindia.in mentioning the Position applied on the subject line of the mail latest by 30th June, 2026. Applications by any other mode shall not be accepted.

Last date for receipt of applications: 30th June 2026

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(A Joint Venture of Govt. of Gujarat and Govt. of India)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat, India (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407

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Applications are invited from qualified and experienced candidates for the position of **Chief General Manager/ General Manager (Signalling)** on contract/deputation/post-superannuation basis. For detailed recruitment notification, please visit career page of our website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com.** Last date to apply is **26.06.2026.**

Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai
(An Autonomous Body under Dept. of Science & Technology, Government of India)
Plot No. 5, Sector 18, Kalamboli Highway
New Panvel, Navi Mumbai 410 218

DIRECTOR

IIG Mumbai invites online applications for the post of Director at Pay Level 15.

For detailed advertisement, please visit: **https://iigm.res.in/careers/positionvacancies** or scan QR.

Registrar

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited

ONGC | एमआरपीएल MRPL

(A Govt. of India Enterprise and Subsidiary of ONGC Limited) CIN No. : L19200KA1988GOI008959
Kuthethoor Post, Mangalore – 575 030 E-mail: pfte@mrpl.co.in

Date of opening of online portal for submitting application: 17/06/2026
Last Date for submitting online application: 16/07/2026

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL), a Schedule 'A' Miniratna, Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) and a subsidiary of ONGC Limited, invites online applications from bright, energetic, aspirant and dedicated professionals (Indian Nationals only) for engagement as Personnel on Fixed Term Employment (PFTE).

Advt. No.	Position Name	PFTE Position Level	No. of Posts and Reservation	Mode of Selection*
MRPL/PFTE/2026/01	Fire Officer	Executive Level L1	05 (UR-4, OBC (NCL)-1)	Personal Interview

Abbreviation: UR- Unreserved, OBC (NCL) - Other Backward Caste (Non-Creamy Layer)
* Eligible candidates will be called for Personal Interview (PI) after screening of the applications.
Interested candidates can visit website **https://www.mrpl.co.in/careers** for detailed advertisement.

Bharat Electronics Limited, a Navratna Company and India's premier Professional Electronics Company under the Ministry of Defence, requires the following outstanding personnel on temporary basis for its NS(S & CS) SBU.

Post / Post Code	Qualification	Relevant post Qualification experience as on 01.06.2026	No. of posts & Reservation	Consolidated Remuneration per month	Place of Posting
Project Engineer -I, PRE-I (SSI-2026)	Full time BE/ B Tech in the discipline of Electronics & Communi-cation/ Electrical / Mechanical / Computer Science	Minimum 2 years of post-qualification experience in the field of Installation and commissioning of Electronics/ Electrical systems projects.	UR – 03 OBC- 01 SC–01 TOTAL-05	1st year– Rs.40,000/ 2nd year– Rs.45,000/- 3rd year– Rs.50,000/- 4th year– Rs.55,000/-	New Delhi, Gurgaon, Gandhinagar, Vizag, Kolkata, Kochi, Chennai, Portblair & Mumbai
Project Engineer -I, PRE-I (TSCS-2026)	Full time BE/B Tech in the discipline of Electronics & Communi-cation/ Electrical/ Instrumen-tation.	Minimum 2 years of post-qualification experience in the field of installation and commissioning of Electronics/ Electrical systems and integration of Electronics/ Embedded systems for any projects.	UR – 01 OBC - 01 EWS-02 Total - 04	1st year– Rs.40,000/ 2nd year– Rs.45,000/- 3rd year– Rs.50,000/- 4th year– Rs.55,000/-	Vizag and Kolkata

Last date of application is **04.07.2026**. For detailed advertisement and instructions to apply, please visit ***careers*** link in the official website **www.bel-india.in**.

Date: 17.06.2026

Sd/-
Manager (HR/NS-S&CS)

ENGINEERS INDIA LIMITED

इंजीनियर्स इंडिया लिमिटेड (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) EIL (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Engineers India Bhawan, 1, Bhikaiji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110066

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Sl. No.	Position	Qualification	Minimum post qualification relevant experience	Duration	Requirement (Nos.)	Reservation
1	Associate Engineer Grade II	B.E./ B. Tech./ B. Sc (Engg)	5 Yrs.	2 Years	15	UR-5, SC-2, ST-1, OBC-5, EWS-2
2	Associate Engineer Grade III	B.E./ B. Tech./ B. Sc (Engg)	9 Yrs.	2 Years	26	UR-9, SC-5, ST-2, OBC-7, EWS-3

Candidates interested in the above positions shall go through the detailed advertisement given in Company's website "**http://www.engineersindia.com**" and fill and submit in the online application. The link for online application is available from **16.06.2026 to 30.06.2026**. Eligible and interested candidates shall complete the registration and submit their application online within the above dates. On successful submission of online application, the candidate will be allocated a Registration Number and they will be able to generate a print out of the application submitted. After registration, the candidates shall take a print out of the submitted application and shall appear for the walk in interview as per the details below:

VENUE AND TIME FOR INTERVIEW

Date and Time (Tentative)	Venue / Location of Interview
Interview will start tentatively from 13.07.2026. The exact date of interview shall be mailed separately to the candidate's registered mail id.	Interview shall be conducted at Gurugram, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru and Vadodara. The exact location of interview shall be mailed separately to the candidate's registered mail id.

Note: Candidates shall ensure that they fulfil all the educational and experience requirements. Candidates not meeting the requirements will not be considered. Depending on the number of candidates, interviews may be held up to 08.00 p.m. and if required, on the next day. Candidates who have registered online and reports with print out bearing valid registration number will only be considered. **Candidates who have not submitted their online application will not be entertained.**

HRD/Rectt./Advt./2026-27/05

Bharat Electronics Limited, a Navaratna Company and India's premier Defence Electronics Company requires the below mentioned Personnel for its Chennai Unit

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Qualification	Trade / Discipline	No. of posts	Experience
1.	Trainee Engineer (on temporary basis)	B.E/B.Tech/B.Sc Engineering (4-year course)	Mechanical	09	Nil
			Total	09	
2.	Sr. Asst. Engineer (E-I) on Fixed Tenure Basis	Diploma in Engineering / Equivalent+15 yrs of post qualification service in Indian Armed Forces and in the rank of JCO or equivalent from Army/Navy/Airforce	ECE/EEE/ MECH	17	15 years of post qualification service in Indian Armed Forces and in the rank of JCO or equivalent from Army/Navy/Airforce
			Total	17	

For detailed advertisement and last date to apply, please visit "Careers" section at **www.bel-india.in**

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On Regular Basis

S.N.	Positions	Scale	Vacancies
1	Manager - Credit Analyst	MMG/S-II	4
2	Senior Manager - Credit Analyst	MMG/S-III	38
3	Chief Manager - Credit Analyst	SMG/S-IV	1
4	Senior Manager - C & IC Relationship	MMG/S-III	36
5	Chief Manager - C & IC Relationship	SMG/S-IV	7
	Total		86

On Contractual Basis

S.N.	Positions	Vacancies
1	Vice President (VP) - Relationship Head - Real Estate	1
2	Vice President (VP) - Relationship Head - MNCs	1
3	Vice President (VP) - Relationship Head - Credit Lite Clients	1
4	Deputy Vice President (DVP) - Head Market Intelligence Unit	1
5	Deputy Vice President (DVP) - Head Product Sales- Transaction Banking	1
6	Deputy Vice President (DVP) - Senior Relationship Manager - Credit Lite / Conglomerate / MNC / Real Estate / Corporate Banking	12
7	Asst. Vice President II (AVP II) - Conglomerate / Real Estate	2
8	Asst. Vice President II (AVP II) - Product Manager - Corporate Banking	3
9	Asst. Vice President II (AVP II) - Senior Product Sales Manager (SPSM) - Transaction Banking	2
10	Asst. Vice President II (AVP II) - Relationship Manager - Credit Lite / Conglomerate / MNC / Corporate Banking / Real Estate	30
11	Asst. Vice President I (AVP I) - Product Sales Manager (PSM) - Transaction Banking	4
12	Asst. Vice President I (AVP I) - Credit Lite / MNC / Real Estate / Conglomerate	7
	Total	65

Please note that the number of vacancies mentioned above are provisional and may vary according to the actual requirement of the Bank.

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Advt No. BOB/HRM/REC/ADVT/2026/10 (for Regular Basis)
&
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Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisements, ensuring their eligibility & other details before applying and remitting fees.

Any addendum/ corrigendum/ modification shall be notified only on the Bank's website.

Date for filling Online Application & Payment of Fee: 16.06.2026 to 06.07.2026 (23:59 hours).

Place: Mumbai
Date: 16.06.2026

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
(HRM & Marketing)

(39/26-27)

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LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

UPFs may hit cognition even in healthy eaters

Ultra-processed foods could lead to cognitive decline even if you are eating healthy otherwise, Australian scientists have found.

ScienceDaily reports that the study, out in Alzheimer's & Dementia: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring, looked at dietary and cognitive data of more than 2,000 adults to find that even adding a packet of chips to your diet can lead to a measurable drop in attention and ability to focus, owing to additives and chemicals used.

FICTION VS FACT

Is menstrual blood good for skin?

- It has stem cells, proteins that can boost collagen
- No clinical evidence to show menstrual blood can rejuvenate skin

"Menstrual blood is a mix of blood, uterine lining tissue, and cellular debris shed as part of a physiological process. These elements are in no form to be used safely for skin regeneration. Rather, applying it directly to skin can risk contamination, infection, and irritation. Skin health and collagen production are best supported through scientifically valid methods such as proper skincare, nutrition, sun protection, and medically approved treatments. One must rely on evidence-based practices rather than social media trends

Dr Mayuri Parakh,
GYNAECOLOGIST, SPARSH HOSPITAL, BENGALURU

As told to Jahnavi TR

Vaping: From 'safe alternative' to a new nicotine epidemic

One session delivers 20 times more nicotine than cigarette, with heavy toll on lungs, heart, brain

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HOW VAPING AFFECTS THE BODY

Lungs: Inhaling heavy metals from heated e-liquids causes acute lung irritation, inflammation, higher odds of asthma. Inhaling flavouring chemicals such as diacetyl (also used for rich butter flavour in popcorn) causes bronchiolitis obliterans, an obstructive lung disease also known as 'popcorn lung' where permanent scar tissue blocks bronchioles, needing steroid therapies

Heart, blood vessels: Spikes heart rate, BP, damages blood vessels to raise heart attack, stroke risks

Cell, immune function: Weakens lungs' immune response, raising risk of pneumonia, bronchitis

Brain: Permanently alters brain growth related to attention, learning, mood, impulse control in teens

Oral health: Dries out mouth, traps bacteria in teeth, gums, alters oral microbiome, raising cavity, gum inflammation risks

It started as a 'healthy' alternative to smoking in the early 2000s. But electronic cigarettes or vapes have become a bridge back to the very habit smokers were trying to quit, also morphing into a trendy Gen Z lifestyle accessory. But behind the sleek devices, bright colours and sweet fragrances lies a modern nicotine epidemic.

"Despite India's statutory ban, e-cigarettes have become a dangerous party fashion," says Dr G C Khilnani, former head of pulmonology at AIIMS Delhi, and a key architect of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act 2019. "These pocket-sized devices are easily concealed, so youngsters use them to bypass public smoking bans, misled by chemical flavourings that only add to the product's toxicity."

Debunking a common misconception that vapes produce harmless water vapour, Dr Khilnani points out that e-cigarettes allow users to inhale a nicotine dose worth 20 cigarettes in a single session. He recalls a 40-year-old female patient who arrived with severe breathlessness, her lungs entirely devastated by vape-induced inflammation that required aggressive high-dose steroid therapy to stabilise.

Young, elite, and vaping

A couple of months ago, Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag was caught vaping in the team dressing room during an IPL match. Soon after, a viral video had fellow cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal appearing to vape inside a team flight. While Parag was slapped with a hefty fine, there's still debate on whether Chahal was vaping or merely pranking Parag's action with a spray device. Prank or not, the toxic reality of vaping is slowly unravelling, with recent studies linking it to "popcorn lungs", cardiovascular emergencies and even cancer.

"Our cardiovascular system's primary function is to remain a clean conduit for blood supply without clot formation. Vaping directly disrupts this mechanism," warns Dr Devi Shetty, cardiac surgeon and founder of Narayana Health, Bengaluru. High nicotine concentrations cause coronary arteries to lose tone and get abnormally distended, while altering blood clotting behaviour to make users highly vulnerable to thrombosis, heart attacks or strokes, he explains. Vaping also weakens heart muscle, inducing electrical instability that can trigger sudden cardiac arrest.

World Health Organisation and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have flagged how, when flavour liquids are superheated, the inhaled cloud is a chemically volatile aerosol with carcinogens and industrial toxins like formaldehyde, benzene, and acrolein. It also carries toxic heavy metals (lead, nickel, chromium) shed from the device's heating coils, alongside diacetyl, a buttery flavour compound linked to "popcorn lung" (bronchiolitis obliterans) which destroys the lungs' tiniest airways.

While long-term epidemiological data will take decades to mature — mirroring the decades it took then US Surgeon General to link smoking to lung cancer in 1964 — animal experiments already point to cancer. A 2026 review by Australian scientists, out in Carcinogenesis, monitored exposure biomarkers and concluded, "Nicotine-based e-cigarettes are likely to be carcinogenic, causing an indeterminate burden of oral and lung cancer."

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Dr Devi Shetty,
CARDIOLOGIST

Toxins, in bubblegum flavour

Vaping among adolescents is heavily driven by flavour profiles. Over 16,000 flavours (mango, bubblegum, and cotton candy among others) are designed to mask the bitter nicotine taste and entice first-time users. Besides, e-cigarettes are highly discreet, and mimic everyday items like smart watches and key chains, allowing teenagers to vape undetected. An alarming 1 in 5 youth across the world have now tried vaping. Globally, immense regulatory gaps remain: 88 countries have no minimum legal age to buy e-cigarettes, 74 lack regulatory frameworks, and only four have banned youth-appealing flavours. In India, despite the ban, black-market networks, informal local sellers, and online platforms normalise e-cigarettes in elite spaces and continue to feed nicotine dependency to a new generation.

Clinics are already beginning to see the multi-pronged impact of this. A 2025 umbrella review published in BMJ Open culled data from 69 systematic reviews to show early nicotine exposure permanently alters developing young brains, impairing memory, attention span, and impulse control. Beyond asthma, vaping causes E-cigarette or Vaping Product Use-Associated Lung Injury (EVALI). A 2019 CDC study tracking EVALI patients found that 2.7% required rapid re-hospitalisation, and a small subset died shortly after discharge. The review also confirmed immediate cardiovascular stress, including blood pressure spikes, platelet activation, and endothelial dysfunction, alongside heightened depression and anxiety.

Gateway to smoking

Vaping can be a training ground for smoking, too. A separate umbrella review of the BMJ Open reviews showed that youth who vape are nearly three times more likely to start smoking. For ones who have quit, picking up a vape doubles the risk of a smoking relapse. "This supports the Gateway Hypothesis (or gateway drug effect) by proving that e-cigarettes hook users on nicotine rather than just attracting naturally risk-prone folk," says study author Dr Sonu Goel, president of Resource Centre for Tobacco Control.

Radiologists can instantly identify a vaper's lungs on a CT scan by the damage left where concentrated nicotine repeatedly hits lung walls, says Dr Shetty. "So, if you say, 'I stopped vaping for 4-5 years, so all the damage will be fixed', it won't. It invariably damages the lungs beyond repair."

TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

Why eating ice cream gives some of us a headache

It's scorching outside and the first thing you do is reach out for an ice cream to beat the heat. The first few bites make you cool off fast. But for some people, it also brings a stabbing pain in the forehead. Surprisingly, it's linked to migraine and could also be running in families

It's got nothing to do with the brain

It might be called brain freeze, but it doesn't really happen in the brain since the brain doesn't have pain receptors. Scientists call it a **cold-stimulus headache**

Trigger: Rapid cooling at roof of mouth, throat

Reaction: Sudden cold causes blood vessels to shrink rapidly, swell back up to restore blood flow

Location: Pain fibres on vessel walls connect to trigeminal nerve (on both sides of head) which processes face, forehead signals. That's why you feel pain in head, not mouth

"An ice cream headache is very, very common but harmless. In earlier days of headache medicine, brain freeze was a convenient experimental model that helped identify role of blood flow and various nerve complexes during head pain

Amaal Starling,
NEUROLOGIST AT MAYO CLINIC, ARIZONA

Migraine connection, family link

- Trigeminal nerve also involved during migraine attacks, making it sensitive. So, those getting regular migraines are more prone to ice cream headaches
- In Seventies, Californian researchers found 93% of those suffering from migraine also had ice cream headaches
- Studies on thousands of school kids across Europe, Canada, Taiwan, & South America showed ice cream headaches are hereditary, just like migraines. But no specific gene has been identified yet

If cold treats trigger headache, here's what to do:

■ **Pace it out:** Give roof of mouth time to get warmed up between bites

■ **Thumb warming:** Placing thumb against palate can give some heat, or even a warm drink

■ **Tongue hack:** If you feel it coming, use warm underside of tongue to re-warm roof of mouth

■ **Cup & breathe:** Cup hands over nose, mouth & breathe in rapidly. Trapped warm, exhaled air will warm up mouth

Source: BBC

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TIMES NATION

INDIA DIGEST

NDA corrals Jharkhand MLAs for RS election

Ahead of the June 18 Rajya Sabha poll for two seats in Jharkhand, the NDA camp Tuesday began corralling its legislators as part of efforts to prevent any cross-voting, with MLAs from BJP, AJSU-P, JDU and LJP-RV shifting to a prominent city hotel.
NDA, which is backing independent candidate and outgoing RS member from Andhra Pradesh, Parimal Nathwani, has a total of 24 MLAs, four less than the required number in the 81-member assembly to ensure victory.

7 of Hry family die in Raj highway crash

A head-on collision between a car and a dumper truck killed seven members of a family from Haryana's Fatehabad on a national highway near Hemasar village in Rajasthan's Bikaner district Monday. The family was returning home from a pilgrimage to Mukam Dham, a temple of the Bishnoi community, when the accident occurred. Rescuers and police personnel used cutters to dismantle parts of the mangled Swift Dzire to retrieve the passengers.

FIR on 90 MP cops in 'fake drug bust' case

Case filed against more than 90 cops from MP's Agar-Malwa district in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district following a court order in connection with a drug seizure case earlier this year that was projected as a major police success.
The court ordered case against the MP cops on a complaint alleging that the drug bust claim was fake.

Bihar cracks down on vulgar songs in public

Bihar has moved to crack down on public playing of songs that are obscene and incite caste animosity. Govt has called for curbs on such songs in markets, public events, vehicles, weddings and other social gatherings.

Bill may be tweaked to placate DMK, which has quit INDIA bloc

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Window for passage of the bill is shrinking as delimitation will take a long time. Developments in TMC and Sena UBT suggest serious attempts to increase NDA numbers. We are sure the bill will be brought in the coming session," a BJP ally said.

Recently, a top BJP functionary asserted that govt will bring the bill even if it has to call a special session the day it is sure of numbers, noting that even though the Constitution amendment bill, which needs two-thirds support, was defeated, two other accompanying bills, including one for delimitation, were not withdrawn from LS.

Sources in NDA said the new Constitution amendment bill's wording may be changed to placate a party like DMK, which is no longer a part of opposition INDIA bloc, as it wanted an explicit guarantee that Lok Sabha seats in all states will rise in a manner that does not harm southern states due to their success in curbing population growth.

Developments in TMC and Sena UBT suggest serious attempts to boost NDA numbers for passage of women's bill, a BJP ally said

In fact, Union home minister Amit Shah, who piloted the bill in the Budget session, had offered to incorporate the assurance into the amendment bill in an unsuccessful bid to get DMK reconsider its opposition to the bill.

There is also a view that the recent three-language mandate for Class 9 from July 1, which has drawn criticism from sections of parents and political parties, can be suitably altered in an outreach to parties like DMK. If DMK comes around, coupled with the backing of 20 rebel Trinamool MPs, NDA will have support of 335 MPs, still short of the required 360 in case all current 540 LS members are present in the House. It can bank on desertions from parties like Sena UBT — though it has insisted its MPs are united — to have a realistic chance.

Numbers are more favourable to govt in Rajya Sabha. NDA managers were hopeful of DMK support even the last time as its representatives had expressed openness to the proposal, but political necessity to maintain its strident opposition to BJP in view of assembly polls in Tamil Nadu and Congress's pressure forced its hand, sources said.

With DMK now out of office and out of INDIA bloc, it is expected to be more pragmatic as population-based delimitation based on the 2027 census will weaken southern states' political weight in LS, a point emphasised by parties like TDP and JDS, both govt allies but based in south India, as they have called for backing govt's proposal.

HIV+ woman among 4 held in MP sex racket

Bhopal: A sex racket allegedly luring unsuspecting men into a maze of blackmail, extortion and false rape threats has taken a darker turn in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind, where police found that one of two women arrested in the case has been undergoing treatment for HIV the past 3 years, reports **Amarjeet Singh**.

The racket was busted nearly 3 weeks ago. Police arrested all 4 accused named in the FIR — 2 women, both around 35 years old, and 2 men aged 25 and 40. "All 4 accused were sent to judicial remand," Bhind Dehat police station in-charge Shivpratap Singh Rajawat said Tuesday. "During investigation, we learned that one of the women has been undergoing treatment for HIV for past 3 years."

Police seized some of the videos from the HIV-positive woman. The investigators are now tracking potential victims and examining seized videos for more leads.

No proof of ISIS ties, says court, acquits 3 held for TN murder

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Chennai: A special NIA court has acquitted Khaja Moideen, a suspected ISIS operative and two of his two aides arrested in connection with the June 2013 murder of Hindu Munnani functionary K P S Suresh Kumar and for conspiring to set up sleeper cells in Nepal and India.

Suresh Kumar, who headed Tiruvallur district unit of Hindu Munnai, a Hindu right-wing outfit, was hacked to death by a group of people on June 18, 2013.

"There is no evidence to prove the three accused's involvement in any terrorist activity," special judge M Malarvizhi said.

"There is no evidence of the fact that the accused hatched a criminal conspiracy to join the ISIS/DAISH and also to recruit other persons to wage war against Syria, which is an Asiatic power in alliance with India," the court said.

In this case, the prosecution failed to prove the charge under Section 120B (Criminal conspiracy) of the IPC and 18 of UAPA as the evidence did not establish a meeting of minds to commit an illegal act through illegal means, the court said.

The judge, however, found one of the accused, Ansar Meeran, guilty of harbouring a terrorist under Section 19 of the UAPA and sentenced him to four years of imprisonment. The court set off the sentence against the period already spent by him in jail.

Cannot order CBI probe as a matter of course, reiterates HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: It is a well-settled principle of constitutional and criminal jurisprudence that a CBI probe can't be ordered as a matter of course, solely based on the subjective belief of a litigant, Madras HC said on Tuesday.

Dismissing a plea seeking a CBI probe into the alleged corruption and horse-trading in resignation of four AIADMK MLAs, the HC bench said: "While a sudden realignment of political loyalty by the MLAs may cause financial strain due to the necessities of conducting a byelection, such political choices do not ipso facto translate into criminal misconduct under Prevention of Corruption Act..."

According to the petitioner, B Ramkumar Adityan, the MLAs, having spent substantial sums could not have realistically treated their legislative positions as trivial.

The bench said: "Pleadings in a PIL targeting... elected representatives... should be backed by relevant material... and not based on speculative hypotheses."

35% monsoon deficit so far, sowing ops hit

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This was made possible due to timely deployment of contingency measures and constant efforts to make Indian agriculture 'drought-proof' by expanding the footprint of irrigation networks, emphasis on micro (drip and sprinkler) irrigation, judicious choice of less water-consuming crops and use of drought-resistant seeds.

Amid the El Niño risk this year, IMD has predicted 'below normal' monsoon rainfall during the June-Sept period with 60% probability of its being 'deficient', triggering fears of a drought. India last reported two back-to-back drought years in 2014 and 2015, recording 12% and 14% deficits, respectively, in overall seasonal rainfall.

India has so far reported more than 35% deficit in overall cumulative monsoon rainfall since its onset over on June 4, impacting sowing operations in certain states.

Sensing the urgency, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held a meeting Tuesday and directed coordinated meetings with district officials, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and other extension agencies in 12 states where El Niño's impact is likely to be "relatively severe" during the kharif season.

Though a total of 197 districts across the country have been identified as most vulnerable to the impact of El Niño, contingency measures are being prepared in 326 districts.

ED raids 17 sites in 3 cities in Yes Bank investigation

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Mumbai: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted searches at 17 locations across Delhi, Mumbai, and Khandala linked to Suraksha Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (SARCL) promoter Sudhir Valia and other senior executives in connection with an alleged bank fraud case involving the company and Yes Bank's former co-promoter Rana Kapoor.

Enforcement Directorate is probing a money laundering case involving the alleged collusion between Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) with Yes Bank by engaging in circular transactions to fraudulently take over stressed assets, undervaluation of auctioned properties, inflated and fraudulent claims.

ED's money laundering case is based on a Mumbai Police FIR on a complaint of a director of Sapphire Land Development Ltd, a sister concern of HDIL, against Kapoor, Walia and others.

According to the police case, Yes Bank, then headed by Kapoor, allegedly transferred properties worth nearly Rs 1,000 crore to SARCL to recover an outstanding loan of about Rs 150 crore, without first classifying the loan account as a Non-Performing Asset (NPA).

In the present case, investigators are examining allegations that SARCL sold certain mortgaged properties at undervalued rates to entities linked to its associates, thereby reducing the amount required to be shared with the bank.

Cough syrup rural 'loophole' finally plugged

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The exemption had allowed cough syrups to be sold as household remedies in villages with populations below 1,000.

With the amendment coming into force, cough syrups will now have to be sold through licensed pharmacies, bringing them under the regular regulatory framework governing medicines.

Officials said the latest amendment is intended to strengthen regulatory oversight, improve accountability in the distribution chain and align older exemptions with present-day public health and safety requirements. Health experts said the change could improve traceability and regulatory monitoring of cough syrups, which remain among the most commonly used medicines in rural India.

TN man fails to see son while reversing tractor, crushes him

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: A two-year-old boy was crushed to death under the wheels of a tractor as his father failed to notice him while reversing the vehicle at a brick kiln in Old Thiruppachur in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur on Monday.

Workers at the brick kiln, where the man, Saravanan (32), worked and lived with his wife and their child, rushed the boy to Tiruvallur Government Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

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Sd/-
Vice Chairman and Managing Director

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Description of Transferrable Development Rights Certificate

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Originated from	Survey No. : 18/2 **Extent of land acquired** :1 acre 19 guntas
	Village : Hirandahalli
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TDR	5,614.96 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that we, on behalf of our clients are investigating the title of **Karnataka Veerashaiva Vidyabhivruddhi Samsthe ("KVVS")**, a society registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, having its registered address at Property/ Municipal No.18/1, Kalyana Samuchhaya, 2nd floor, 6th Cross, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru 560 009, to all that piece and parcel of vacant and freehold land more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written (referred to as the "said Land"), who have represented that they are the absolute owners of the said Land having clear and marketable title, free from any encumbrances (save and except the equitable mortgage created in the favour of Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank, Nagarbhavi), restrictions, claims, litigations, third party rights, etc. and that they are desirous of granting long term leasehold rights in respect of the said Land in favour of Global Bizprop Ventures Private Limited.

All or any person(s)/entities including an individual, a company, any bank(s), financial institutions, non-banking financial institution(s), firm, an association of persons or body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders, creditors etc. having any claim against the said Land or any part thereof or having any right, title, benefit, interest, share, claim, objection and/or demand in respect of the said Land or any part thereof either by way of any sale, transfer, exchange, agreement for sale, memorandum of understanding, joint development, joint venture, lease, sub-lease, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, bequest, succession, gift, devise, maintenance, right of way, easement(s), trust, inheritance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, care-taker basis, occupation, FSI, possession, family arrangement/settlement, lis-pendens, attachment, contracts/agreements, development rights, and/or conveyance, license either agitated in any litigation or any other right or interest whatsoever, litigation, award, judgment, decree or order of any court of law or tribunal or otherwise of any nature whatsoever howsoever to or upon the said Land or any part/s thereof, and/or has/have any other writing/ arrangement or otherwise howsoever into or upon or in respect of the said Land or any part thereof or on the basis of holding and/or possessing any of the title documents in respect of the said Land being deposited with them by KVVS or otherwise howsoever are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing, to the undersigned within a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice at M/s. Economic Laws Practice, 9th Floor, Mafatlal Centre, Vidhan Bhavan Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400 021, together with copies of all documents on the basis of which such claims are made failing which, any such alleged right, title, benefit, interest, share, claim, objection and/or demand, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived/abandoned and not binding.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO
(description of the said Land)

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Property/ Municipal Nos.18 and 18/2, having its E-PID no.1606194719 admeasuring 6,895.7 Sq. meters (equivalent to 74.225 square feet) lying, being and situate at Seshadri Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore 560 009 and bounded as follows:

On or towards the East:- Land bearing Municipal/ Property no. 17 (Private Property)
On or towards the West : 5th Main Road, Gandhinagar
On or towards the North: - Seshadri Road
On or towards the South: Land bearing Municipal/Property no. 18/1

Dated this 17/6/2026

M/s. Economic Laws Practice
(Advocates & Solicitors)
Sd/- Heena Chheda
Partner
Email: heenachheda@elp-in.com

MSME-TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
एमएसएमई- प्रौद्योगिकी विकास केंद्र
Process & Product Development Centre
प्रक्रिया एवं उत्पाद विकास केंद्र
An Autonomous body under ministry of MSME, Govt. of India Society
EFC- Bangalore Organizes 04 Days Online Training on

CYBER SECURITY
(Digital Forensics and Social Media Protection)

COURSE CONTENT:

Key Learning Areas: USB Forensics and Data Recovery-Image Forensics and Metadata Analysis-Steganography and Hidden Data Detection-Social Media Security and Digital Footprint Analysis-OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) Techniques-Password Security and Multi-Factor Authentication-Email Header Analysis and Phishing Detection

Tools Covered: FTK Imager, Autopsy, ExifTool, StegOnline, Sherlock, Have I Been Pwned, Bitwarden Password Tester, Google Header Analyzer, and MXToolbox.

Learning Outcomes: Participants will learn to recover deleted files, analyze digital evidence, extract image metadata, identify hidden information, assess online exposure, strengthen account security, and investigate phishing emails using practical forensic techniques.

For Registration

DATE / दिनांक: 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th June 2026 (Weekends)
TIME / समय: 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM FEES / शुल्क:
Website: www.ppdcagra.dcmsme.gov.in Rs. 4720/-(Incl. of GST)
Prerequisites: Laptop (Windows, macOS, or Linux) and a stable internet connection

CONTACT: 8073288128 / 6363055419
CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDED

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Chief Engineer, (S.C.M) & C.S.C, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_854570_1. PAC: Rs.61,65,39,918/-
Last Date: 23.06.2026, 03.00 pm

O/o the Deputy Chief engineer, Transmission Circle, Palakkad.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_855689. PAC:Rs. 4,67,88,388/-
Last Date: 29.06.2026, 03.00 pm

CORRIGENDUM

O/o the Chief Engineer, (S.C.M) & C.S.C, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_848551_1. PAC:Rs. 2,46,88,100/-
Last Date: 04.07.2026, 03.00 pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref: PRO/C1/E618 - E-tender/2026

Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI)
(A Govt. Of India Undertaking)
4th Floor Office Block, Tower 1, Plate A, NBCC , Kidwai Nagar East New Delhi-110023
CIN: U67100DL2011NPL215270, www.cersai.org.in / CERSAI/home

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Advt. No. 01/2026

CERSAI, a Govt. of India undertaking (CPSE) licensed under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013, invites application from eligible Indian Citizens for 16 posts of regular employees in various Pay Scale of CPSEs. All interested candidates are advised to visit notification section of our website www.cersai.org.in/CERSAI/home.prg for eligibility criteria and other details related to this advertisement. All future correspondence will be done through our website only.

Publication of detailed notification on our website	Online Application Start Date	Last Date for Online Application	Cut-off Date for Eligibility Criteria
18.06.2026	21.06.2026	20.07.2026	20.07.2026

Date:16/06/2026
Deputy General Manager(HR)
CERSAI, New Delhi

SAINIK SCHOOL CHANDRAPUR (MAHARASHTRA)

RECRUITMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF

1. Sainik School Chandrapur (Maharashtra) functioning under the aegis of Sainik School Society, invites applications for the following Posts on Regular and Contractual basis: -

Ser	Name of Post	Regular / Contractual	Cat	Vac
1	PGT Mathematics	Regular	UR	01
2	PGT Chemistry	Regular	OBC	01
3	TGT General Science	Regular	UR	01
4	TGT Social Science	Regular	OBC	02
5	TGT Marathi	Contractual	UR	01

2. For further details applicants can visit Sainik School Chandrapur website **www.sainikschoolchandrapur.com.** Last date of receipt of online application: **05 Jul 2026**

Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)
IICA Building, 7th Floor, Plot P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122050.
Email: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

भारत सरकार
कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय
त्वरित कॉर्पोरेट समापन प्रसंस्करण केंद्र (सी-पेस),
आई.आई.सी.ए. बिल्डिंग, 7वी मंज़िल,
प्लाट P-6,7,8, से.-5, आई.एम्.टी. मानेसर, गुडगाँव,
हरियाणा - 122050.
Email: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

FORM No. STK –6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public :ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2026-27/468 **Date: 08/06/2026**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of **(41)** companies in the **Karnataka** state under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.NO	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AC3736917	U72900KA2021OPC152721	E2I PRO TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AC3722192	U80302KA2022PTC166389	JAYASHREE TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN STUDIES PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AC3106021	U62013KA2025PTC209274	TWIST INSIGHTS SOFTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AC3716148	U74999KA2022PTC161411	LEISURETEK SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AC3714326	U63121KA2024PTC190924	DIGISWAGATH PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AC3690115	U74900KA2015PTC082381	BUY BEMISAAL ONLINE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AC3674379	U72900KA2016PTC097839	APARIMITHA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AC3664927	U74999KA2012PTC063497	TAURIES SYNERGY CONSULTANT & ENGINEER PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AC3718676	U55101KA2013PTC067681	SHIVAS A.R HOTELS & RESTAURANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AC3256499	U51909KA2019PTC121306	NUTRIZION LIFE SCIENCE PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AC3626908	U15549KA2016PTC092800	NMSAHU FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AC3620651	U72501KA2017PTC104731	NEXTGEN SMART TRANSFORMATIONS SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AC3599407	U43900KA2024PTC184139	NELAMANE PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AC3548483	U26107KA2024FTC191106	OPTOML INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AC3515623	U74140KA2020PTC141795	SAVENSA FINPRO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AC3463456	U72900KA2017PTC107082	SPINMERGY COGNITIVE SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AC3283668	U58201KA2024PTC192342	CODEPULSE ROBOTICS PRIVATE LIMITED
18	AC3294598	U85110KA2022PTC168333	EXEMPLAR HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED
19	AC3272197	U45309KA2018PTC115696	ENAPTER MTC ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AC3703815	U27100KA2013PTC068643	RASIYA STEELS PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AC3719766	U15490KA2018PTC119780	VEGHACKS FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AC3686411	U72900KA2017PTC100812	NIVIDCON IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AC3668168	U79120KA2023PTC182832	CONSCIOUS TOURISM AND LEISURE PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AC3661622	U45100KA2019PTC122185	GREENCENT INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AC3678940	U64200KA2020PTC137459	VIROHA TOWERS PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AC3673044	U74999KA2018PTC118646	ADISIONWORKS SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AC3676343	U74999KA2018PTC116847	DSAN POSITECH PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AC3654137	U74999KA2022OPC168235	APPOOZ ECOMMERCE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AC3625467	U46529KA2024PTC189284	PROEL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AC3615941	U74140KA2008PTC048251	SAVARI SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED
31	AC3602125	U72900KA2019PTC128700	IGNITE3I SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
32	AC3581092	U74999KA2017PTC104479	NOCPRO IOT VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
33	AC3565986	U13999KA2025FTC206414	NAMYANG GLOBAL SOURCING PRIVATE LIMITED
34	AC3438190	U72900KA2016PTC094072	EPHRAIM & JOHN PRIVATE LIMITED
35	AC3550394	U70100KA1988PTC009331	S S LIVING CONCEPTS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
36	AC3533263	U86202KA2021PTC147365	GLOWSY COSMETICS PRIVATE LIMITED
37	AC3500512	U74999KA2018PTC109795	ITW PLAYWORX MUSIC PRIVATE LIMITED
38	AC3506765	U72900KA2019OPC130150	ASHMITA INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
39	AC3471663	U15549KA2018PTC116190	ABBAYAS FOODS AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED
40	AC3663974	U74900KA2022PTC162585	ZTA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
41	AC3466439	U73200KA2021PTC143653	VALYRIAN FORGE PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.
4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey
Deputy Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

CBC 07123/11/0210/2627

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Transferrable Development Rights Certificate ("TDR") that are mentioned and described herebelow from its owner; **Sri. G. Mohan Raj,** son of Sri. Ganesh (hereafter referred to as "Owner"). The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the TDR and the same is free from all encumbrances, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and he has not entered into any sort of Agreement/MOU/Deeds etc., for transfer of the TDR. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest with respect to the TDR or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, agreement of sale, gift, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this Notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE

Description of Transferrable Development Rights Certificate

Property	Developmental Right Certificate
Certificate No. and Date and Folio No.	Certificate No. 278, dated 14-05-2026 Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/278/2026-27
Originated from	Survey No. : 33/2 **Extent of land acquired :** 2,858.06 Sq Mtrs.
	Village : Aduru
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	5,716.13 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

Vinay K. S., Advocate,
Vinay Kademane & Associates
307, 3rd Floor, Prestige Centre Point, No.7/49, Edward Road,
Bengaluru-560001 Ph.: 080 22863885 / 49763233
Email:vinay@vinaykademane.in
Place : Bengaluru
Date : 16-06-2026

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590018, Karnataka

Ref.No: VTU/BGM/RE/2026-27/IFT No.34/1203 Date: 15-06-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) - (Through KPP Portal Only)

The e-Tenders is invited in duplicate from eligible Tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of **Providing & Construction of Truss Roof with PUF Sheet at Bus Parking at VTU, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi. Amounting to Rs. 1,65,23,859/- (Excluding GST).** Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 15-06-2026.**

Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/439/Advertn/2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Transferrable Development Rights Certificate ("TDR") that are mentioned and described herebelow from its owner; **Sri. Ganesh,** son of Late Venkatappa alias Doddappaiah (hereafter referred to as "Owner"). The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner of the TDR and the same is free from all encumbrances, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and he has not entered into any sort of Agreement/MOU/Deeds etc., for transfer of the TDR. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest with respect to the TDR or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, agreement of sale, gift, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this Notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE

Description of Transferrable Development Rights Certificate

Property	Developmental Right Certificate
Certificate No. and Date and Folio No.	Certificate No. 277, dated 15-05-2026 Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/277/2026-27
Originated from	Survey No. : 134/1 **Extent of land acquired**: 5,336.74 Sq. Mtrs.
	Village : Bidarahalli
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	10,673.49 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Place : Bengaluru
Date : 16-06-2026

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Government of India

DGH

VACANCIES ON CONTRACT BASIS/ DEPUTATION

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS (DGH), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, invites applications for filling up the posts of Additional Director General (Exploration), Additional Director General (Development) and Project Director NDR in the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons on contract basis /deputation.

Candidates with qualifications/experience in the respective areas are required to apply online through DGH website with all supporting self-attested documents of relevant qualification and experience, latest by **17:30 (IST) on 07th July 2026 (Tuesday)**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be intimated and called for personal interview. DGH reserves the right to reject any/ all applications without assigning any reasons thereof. No further communication/enquiry shall be entertained.

For further details and updates, please visit our website: **www.dghindia.gov.in**

Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH),
OIDB Bhawan, Tower A, Plot No. 2, Sector 73, Noida – 201301
Tel: +91-120-2472000 Email: hod-hra@dghindia.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Transferrable Development Rights Certificate ("TDR") that are mentioned and described herebelow from its owners; **(i) Sri. H. N. Suresh,** son of Late H.V. Narayanappa and **(ii) Sri. H. S. Tejas**, son of Sri. H.N. Suresh (hereafter collectively referred to as "Owners"). The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the TDR and the same is free from all encumbrances, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and they have not entered into any sort of Agreement/MOU/Deeds etc., apart from the Agreement of Sale dated 02-06-2026 for transfer of the TDR. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest with respect to the TDR or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, agreement of sale, gift, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this Notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE

Description of Transferrable Development Rights Certificate

Property	Developmental Right Certificate
Certificate No. and Date and Folio No.	Certificate No. 274, dated 07-05-2026 Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/274/2026-27.
Originated from	Survey No. : 18/2 **Extent of land acquired** :1 acre 19 guntas
	Village : Hirandahalli
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	6,323.12 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Email:vinay@vinaykademane.in
Place : Bengaluru
Date : 16-06-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking an investigation on the title in relation to the immovable properties admeasuring 2 Acres 14 ½ Guntas (no kharab land) in Survey Nos. 112/10, 112/11, 112/4, 112/5, 112/6, 112/7, 112/24 and 112/26, all situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District more fully described in the '**Schedule**' hereto and hereinafter referred to as '**Schedule Properties**'. The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client who is desirous of entering into joint development transaction in relation to the Schedule Properties. The present owners of the Schedule Properties mentioned in the Schedule hereinbelow have represented to our Client that they own the Schedule Properties and have unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below, within a period of **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the owners have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Properties)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties admeasuring 2 Acres 14 ½ Guntas (no kharab land) in Survey Nos. 112/10, 112/11, 112/4, 112/5, 112/6, 112/7, 112/24 and 112/26, all situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, described in the table below:

Sl. No.	Survey No	Extent (no kharab land)	Boundaries		Owners
1	Portion of Sy No. 112/10	37 Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/26 belongs to Mr. Muniraju;	Mr. P. Srinivasa Murthy, son of Late Pillareddy
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/4;	
			North by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/11belongs to Mr. Srinivasamurthy P; and	
			South by	Property belongs to Mr. J. Srinivas and Mr. J. Mohan Babu.	
2	Portion of Sy No. 112/11	5 Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/26 belongs to Mr. Muniraju;	
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/7;	
			North by	Land belongs to Mrs. Sharadhamma; and	
			South by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/10 belongs to Mr. P. Srinivasamurthy.	
3	Portion of Sy No. 112/4	5 ½ Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/10;	Mr. Ajay Amruth and Mr. Sourabh Amruth, both sons of Mr. Amruth V. Langoti
			West by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth;	
			North by	Land belongs to Mrs. Vishalakshi; and	
			South by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth.	
4	Portion of Sy No. 112/5	5 Guntas	East by	Land belongs to Ms. Vishalakshi;	
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 106/3;	
			North by	Land belongs to Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Chikkadeve gowda; and	
			South by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth.	
5	112/6	13 Guntas	East by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth;	
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 106/4;	
			North by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth and Mrs. Vishalakshi; and	
			South by	Kaluve.	
6	112/7	12 Guntas	East by	Land belongs to Mr. J. Srinivas, Mr. Mohan Babu and Mr. A R Shankar Reddy;	
			West by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth;	
			North by	Land belongs to Mr. Ajay Amruth and Mrs. Vishalakshi; and	
			South by	Kaluve.	
7	112/24 (old Survey No. 112/15)	8 ½ Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/15;	Mr. Muniraju, son of Mr. Muniswamy
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/25;	
			North by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/11; and	
			South by	Kaluve.	
8	112/26 (old Survey No. 112/15)	8 ½ Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/25;	
			West by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/8, 9, 10 and 11;	
			North by	Land bearing Survey No. 112/11; and	
			South by	Kaluve.	

Sd/-
MR. SRINIVAS B.R., Partner
DSK Legal
Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7,
Brunton Road, Bengaluru – 560025, Tel: 080-69548770

Date: 17.06.2026
Place : Bengaluru

CONTRAPUNTO

I would walk 500 miles and I would walk 500 more
Just to be the man who walked a thousand
Miles to fall down at your door
– TARTAN ARMY singalong

Booing & Billions

Pichai's Stanford sangfroid reminds everybody that free speech also pays business dividends

In his commencement address to Stanford's Class of 2026, Sundar Pichai remarked, "What I see in front of me is how graduations should be." Whatever he may have meant, the line's acquired a life of its own after 100s (out of 1000s) of students booed him, and walked out. Their protest was directed largely at Google's AI-related work with Israel, and at Israel's military campaign in Gaza. What really deserves attention in other parts of the world, is that the students aren't facing disciplinary action. Neither Pichai nor Stanford admin appear even ruffled. Silicon Valley's seen this movie before. In fact, free speech and dissent are woven into its origin story.

The Valley's intellectual DNA owes tonnes to 1960s' counterculture movements. This is what others who have tried, and failed, to replicate its extraordinary success at generating one wave of tech innovation after another, overlook. Its distinctive set of liberal values. Students were walking out of Berkeley and Stanford ceremonies to protest war back then too. That war was Vietnam. But the foundational proposition was the same: More speech, not less.

And this ethos has extended to people. Silicon Valley became unusually welcoming to outsiders – immigrants, eccentrics, college dropouts – who would have struggled to find a place on Wall Street or traditional manufacturing. That openness paid spectacular dividends. Immigrants have founded or co-founded 59% of US's privately held billion-dollar startups. This is an only-in-America story. Maybe the Valley's regressing in Trump era, but its embrace of figures like Andy Grove (Hungarian refugee), Jerry Yang (Taiwanese immigrant), Sergey Brin (born in USSR), and Pichai, will always remain triple starred. The lesson extends beyond technology. Italy's prolonged World Cup drought is linked to its football team rebuffing migrants, and remaining almost entirely white. The Valley's "move fast and break things" temper, by contrast, disrupts inherited hierarchy.

A healthy democracy, of course, depends on citizens being free to clash on the battlefield of ideas, rather than attempting to silence one another. But as economist Adam Millsap argued in a widely discussed 2016 essay, the same principle applies to economies. Free-speech norms do more than protect liberty. They accelerate innovation. And yes, this has been empirically established. A 2024 study covering 157 countries between 1900 and 2015, found that improving academic freedom by one standard deviation increases patent applications by 41%. Wherever govts, business leaders, teachers…are more comfortable suppressing speech than tolerating what they personally don't like, the innovative spirit wanes. The freedom to argue, dissent, and challenge orthodoxy is a great civic blessing. And it's an equally precious economic asset.

Card Game

Used smartly, credit cards aren't debt traps. You can save, and even earn, from them

Last year, Pranav Sakhadeo, a 39-year-old freelance writer, editor and translator, saved ₹55,000, on a total spend of ₹5L, by wisely deploying his 21 credit cards. That's not a plug for credit cards, but a hat tip to Pranav's financial discipline – reported by **TOI** – and his willingness to engage with each card's fine print. Cards are notorious for high interest rates, and have sunk many careless users in debt. But Pranav, and others like him, have mastered the skill of using cards like tools. Last year, *ET* wrote about Suraj Kumar Talreja, who had earned ₹2L worth of reward points in a year. The West has its 'churners', who regularly sign up for bonus points on new cards. Some make thousands of dollars a year this way. In 2023, a US Fed study estimated such sophisticated users earned $15bn yearly.

Still, they're a rare tribe. If everyone optimised their card use, credit card issuers would go belly up. Fact is, for every prudent user, there are hundreds struggling with dues. In India, RBI data shows credit card delinquency growing rapidly. Total number of cards in use jumped from 6.3cr in July 2021 to 11.2cr last July. And card dues in the same period went from 1.3L cr to 2.9L cr. That suggests the number of 'revolvers' – customers who pay interest and roll over the principal, month after month – is growing. But Pranav, Suraj and others like them are 'transactors' – they pay off their dues in full, and earn rewards. Groceries, school fees or eating out, they know which card is best for each use, and pull it out every time, taking care not to run up charges. It takes laser focus, but the rewards make it worthwhile.

Behind party lines

Making of an eight-ISH-year-old's birthday bash

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Declassified minutes of final meeting for Donald Trump's 80th birthday arrangements. Some names have been redacted.

"Mr President, some bad news. A new poll shows voters don't want a UFC fight on White House lawns. Only 16% approve…" Am I up for a third term? "No, sir." Then get on with it.

"The Claw is up, and the Octagon is ready, sir." Did I tell you boys why I wanted the fight in an octagon, and why the Claw is 92ft tall?

"No, sir." You boys should have asked. Anyway, I thought and thought about it. And a quadragon seemed so ordinary. "Quadrangle, sir?" Shut up. I'm telling you something for the books. It's tremendous, you should write it down. Well, so I thought pentagon next, but, meh. That's Pete-level. Hexagon was okayish, but I didn't want a hex on my birthday. And I didn't like the sound of heptagon. But octagon was so incredible. Eight sides! And I'm eight-eight-ISH!

"Bless you!" Excuse me, and the claw is simply next level. First eighty, then ninety…two. It's hugely symbolic. Of my life. That's the reason we should keep it on the South Lawn. Presidents 250 years from now will look at it and remember me.

"Sir, we can't. It's a temporary structure." So was Eiffel Tower, and it's still there, isn't it? Micro Macron runs up to its top every time he gets socked in the face, by you know who, he-he. "He-he."

Now, how many fighters have you boys got? And don't tell me they've turned all liberal-gibberal like the singers. "No, sir, they're on – 14 have confirmed." Good. I want to see blood. Lots of it. Vicious stuff, like the Gladiators. I would have built a Colosseum around White House, but… "The courts, sir?"

Crooked courts. "That's a shame, sir. Imagine the Freedom 250 GP…cars racing around your Colosseum." Vroom, vroom, vooooom. You know, I would have kicked ass in the ring myself, but I have thin blood. It's the aspirin I take daily. Doc won't allow it. Otherwise, you know who would have walked away with the title.

"You, Mr President." Yessir, that's right. But that's alright. I still kick ass all the time. Look at Iran. How I've whupped them all these months. Anyway, it's late, boys. Are we done?

"Just one more thing, sir. The menu." Ah, keep it simple. Tacos all round. And get them from Trump Tower Grill. Like I say, they're the best.

Cape Verdean Lesson In Nationality

The tiny archipelago's bravura performance against storied Spain was underpinned by its marvelously flexible definition of who belongs to it. 40% of the squad were born outside the country. Variations of this are true across world football. Bigger message: you needn't have one homeland

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World Cup is made of dreams. And debutant Cape Verde are living theirs, with their sensational effort to hold European champions, Spain, to a draw in their opening match on Monday. In another dream performance, in Sweden's 5-1 win over Tunisia, 22-year-old Yasin Ayari scored two of Sweden's goals, and was the standout performer of the match. Born in the Swedish city of Solna to Tunisian parents, Ayari was eligible to represent either Tunisia or Sweden at international level. In one of football's many ironies, his World Cup breakthrough came *against* Tunisia. He chose not to celebrate his goals out of respect for a country he also considers his own.

Another of the early surprises of this World Cup was Morocco's impressive draw against Brazil. Morocco's goal was scored by Ismael Saibari from a pass by Brahim Diaz. Saibari represents Morocco, but he also holds Belgian and Spanish passports, having been born in Terrassa, a town near Barcelona. Brahim, who provided the assist, also holds a Spanish passport, as he was born in Dos Hermanas, near Seville.

Both share citizenship with Lamine Yamal, who could have played for Morocco, but chose Spain instead. Yamal was born in Esplugues de Llobregat, another municipality close to Barcelona, and not far from Saibari's birthplace. Alongside him plays Nico Williams, who was born in Pamplona, also in Spain. His brother Iñaki Williams, born in Bilbao, not far from Pamplona, represents his parents' homeland, Ghana.

Coming back to Cape Verde, the tiny African archipelago managed to build a competitive team partly by searching LinkedIn for footballers of Cape Verdean descent. As many as a dozen members of the squad were born outside the country. And with their opening match, when the world – and Spain in particular – seemed to be bracing for an inevitable thrashing, Cape Verdeans delivered a footballing masterclass. With patience, discipline and organisation, they frustrated the multi-million-euro La Roja, who could not find a way past Vozinha, the 40-year-old Cape Verdean goalkeeper, who plays for Chaves in Portugal's second division.

In Spain, much of the post-match debate has centred on Pedri, who has been cast as the man responsible for the disappointing draw. Critics argue that he failed to inject creativity and tempo into Spain's attack. Yet, there is a Spanish saying: "Those who seek comfort will always find it." Some have already pointed out that Spain's 2010 World Cup triumph began with a shock defeat to Switzerland. The signs are there, if you choose to believe in them.

Just as Cape Verde, the team recruited on LinkedIn, believed. Does it still sound strange that around 40% of the squad were born outside the country it represents? But here's an even more glaring statistic: only one member of Curaçao's 2026 World Cup squad was actually born on the tiny Caribbean island. Will Curaçao's population of barely 200,000 feel any less attached to its national team because of that? Unlikely.

The globalised world, made possible by tech and cheaper travel, has produced a generation of children of diversity. They had already begun to emerge at previous World Cups. But, in this 2026 edition, they are impossible to ignore. At least in Europe, these children of a globalised world have become one of the arguments used by the far right to demand a kind of national priority, whose contradictions are easy to spot.

Take France as an example. When Les Bleus won the 1998 World Cup, far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen was already denouncing a team that, he claimed, did not represent France. His argument was that Thuram, Vieira, Zidane, and Henry did not embody French culture.

Fourteen years earlier, in 1984, France had won the European Championship against Spain. That team included Luis Fernández, Daniel Bravo, and Manuel Amorós, the sons of – oh, the irony – Spaniards who had emigrated to France during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) or Franco's National Catholic dictatorship (1939-1975). Back then, nobody felt that French culture was under threat. Perhaps because the skin colour of Bravo, Amorós, and Fernández was deemed *acceptable*.

What is, and what should be, a nation or a nationality for these children of a globalised world? How does Yamal experience being Spanish (and Catalan, and Moroccan), and how does Saibari experience being Moroccan (and Catalan, and Spanish), having been born in two towns barely 28 km apart?

In the El Raval neighbourhood of Barcelona, a piece of street art depicts a portrait that is the fusion of two faces: one half is Yamal; the other half is Rosalía, the Barcelona-born singer who, over the past decade, has helped revolutionise the music world by blending pop, urban music, flamenco, opera, and reggaeton, and of whom *NYT* wrote: "Her music embodies, at its finest, the most eloquent artistic expression of globalisation."

In 1966, John Lennon wrote a cryptic, psychedelic line: "Listen to the colour of your dream." Perhaps that is the right way to read this reality. Perhaps, at this World Cup, and in this world, we should not look at the colour of what we want to be, but listen to it, to its plurality. Listen to its accents, its music, its stories; to the complexity of the past, and the hybrid present of these young people from more than one homeland, who dream of conquering the world.

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Strait Goes Quiet, But It Won't Be Straight Going For India

Oil prices will stay up. Current account deficit has widened. True, pressure on rupee will be mitigated by GOI, RBI actions & post-war investor relief. There's El Nino, though. Growth this fiscal? 6.6%

Dharmakirti Joshi

The 60-day ceasefire announced between Iran and US – expected to de-escalate hostilities and reopen the arterial Strait of Hormuz – offers hope. If signed and sealed, India's sigh of relief will be the loudest, because it'll halt downward revisions to growth, and upward revisions to inflation, seen of late.

With the conflict, risks to global growth and inflation flared up, putting India's resilience to the toughest test post-Covid. Apart from the largest oil shock in history, supply chains were disrupted, freight & insurance costs soared, and availability of fertilisers and petrochemicals was constrained.

Crude tumbles on cue, but…

Over a fifth of global oil & gas trade passes through Strait of Hormuz. West Asia accounts for 40-50% of our oil imports, supplies gas and fertilisers, and accounts for 13% of our exports. Despite easing of tensions, crude oil prices have fallen to around $83 per barrel but remain elevated, compared with an average of $70 last fiscal.

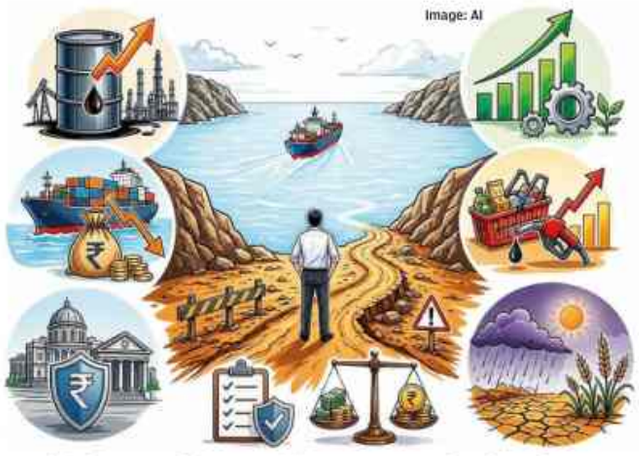
While a formalised ceasefire reduces the risk of further spikes, scope for a sharp decline in energy prices is limited for three reasons.

- One, rebuilding West Asia's damaged oil & gas infra will take time.
- Two, countries are likely to replenish inventory impacted during the conflict, and may expand strategic reserves to guard against future disruptions.
- And three, freight and insurance costs will normalise only gradually.

Typically, weak global growth, as seen now, moderates demand and prices of crude oil, but lingering supply constraints will keep them elevated. For India, which imports over 85% of its crude oil requirement, this means the bill could remain high. The salutary part is the upside risk to prices will likely be capped now.

Growth moderation, policy support | Downside risks to growth should now reduce. We retain India's GDP growth forecast at 6.6% for this fiscal, compared with 7.7% last fiscal. Higher input costs, particularly energy and commodities, will weigh on economic activity. Corporate margins will remain under pressure because supply disruptions and shortage of critical imports will take time to ease. Proactive policy support should, however, cushion some of that impact. Centre's emphasis on capex, preceded by rationalisation of GST, and higher, unconditional cash transfers, will provide demand-side support.

Capital inflow & rupee | CAD is expected to widen to over 2% of GDP this fiscal from 0.6% last fiscal, on higher cost of imports. The rupee was already under pressure as capital inflows slowed. A wider CAD adds structural pressure to the rupee, but two developments provide support.



- One, recent measures by RBI and finance ministry to attract foreign capital.
- Two, the ceasefire will improve investor confidence.

These factors have already bolstered the rupee recently. We expect it to move towards 93.5 per dollar by fiscal-end, assuming stable global conditions.

Lid on inflation | Inflation based on WPI, at 9.7%, points to significant cost pressures building in the system. We expect the CPI-based gauge to rise to around 5.1% this fiscal from 2.1% in the last, as companies pass on higher input costs to consumers.

GOI has started passing on higher crude oil costs to retail prices of petrol & diesel, which will have direct, second-round effects on inflation. Prices at the pump will take time to reduce, with OMCs continuing to sell at a loss. GOI may also have to revisit the excise duty cut in March. Notably, with some upside risks to inflation likely curbed, RBI's Monetary Policy Committee gets elbow room to recalibrate its policy stance between supporting growth and maintaining price stability.

Dark cloud El Nino | Manifestation of El Nino conditions, however, poses a major risk to the southwest monsoon this time. Cumulative rainfall this season has been 32% below the long period average as on June 15. Met has lowered its rainfall forecast to 90% of the long-period average. That would mark the weakest monsoon in a decade.

Worryingly, there are apprehensions about a 'super El Nino'. Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) could offer some offset, but its effectiveness is uncertain. IOD conditions are often advantageous, as they tend to reinforce monsoon and lead to higher rainfall. Over three decades, IOD events have coincided with El Nino about half the time, and only occasionally helped offset its impact.

Moreover, apart from volume, distribution of rainfall is critical for agri output and food inflation in India. So far, we've no information on this.

Policy agility critical | While the ceasefire can ease the West Asia conflict and stabilise energy markets, elevated commodity prices, supply-chain frictions and weather uncertainties continue to pose risks to India's economic outlook. In such a milieu, policy agility will be crucial. Authorities must balance growth support with inflation management, while preparing for weather vagaries and unresolved tariff issues.

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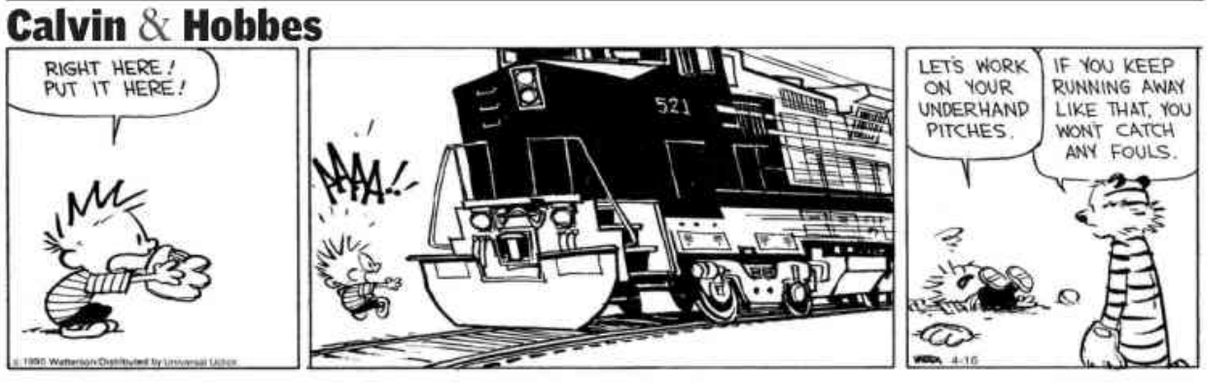

Sacredspace

We cannot change the past, but we can change our attitude towards it. Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness. Tear out arrogance and seed humility. Exchange love for hate – thereby, making the present comfortable and future promising.

Maya Angelou

Yog: Healing Minds And Connecting Worlds

Anup Taneja

Based on scientific research, yog philosophy, which has spanned nearly 5,000 years, is not merely a set of asanas and pranayam techniques meant for physical fitness; it is much more than that. It is a potent tool for social bonding, cognitive empathy, and creating a feeling of trust among people and nations. Yog has the power to completely alter thought-patterns and transform an individual into a confident and dynamic personality full of positive energy.

Clinical studies such as the NIMHANS Schizophrenia Clinical Trials (2013) and Postpartum Maternal Health Trial (2024) have substantiated that yog can directly bring about a change in an individual's brain chemistry, because of which one feels more connected to others. When practised systematically and regularly, yogic practices significantly increase plasma oxytocin levels.

Oxytocin is referred to as the 'cuddle' hormone – a powerful peptide hormone and neurotransmitter produced in the hypothalamus of brain and released into the bloodstream by posterior pituitary gland – which helps in reading emotions of other people, creating strong feelings of interpersonal trust, and in building relationship stability between romantic partners, friends and family members. Above all, it fosters prosocial behaviour.

Pranayam exercises contribute substantially to stimulating the vagus nerve, longest cranial nerve in the body. This helps shift the body from a 'fight-or-flight' stress state to a 'rest-and-digest' state, meaning that when the nerve pathways are activated through pranayam, brain chemistry is altered and the autonomic nervous system becomes well-regulated and calm. As a result, the heart slows down, blood pressure decreases, and digestion improves.

In view of the hyper-competitive academic environment, board exams, and high-stakes entrance tests, there is pressure on students, resulting in escalating mental health crises. Regular yog practice by youngsters can help in removing psychological and mental barriers and increasing their powers of concentration and retention. Breathing exercises such as *Anulom-Vilom*, alternate nostril breathing, and Sirshasan, the topsy-turvy pose, if practised regularly for about 10 minutes, help optimise the flow of oxygen to the brain, which, in turn, sharpens memory and directly reduces day-to-day distractions. It thus becomes easy for students to retain complex information and recall it during exams.

THE SPEAKING TREE

A landmark study – published in the *International Journal of Yoga* – was conducted in Jan 2009 to specifically track adolescent students over a 7-week yog module consisting of asans, pranayams, meditation, and a value orientation programme. The study demonstrated that students who practised yog showed a substantial reduction in stress levels, which, in turn, led to higher marks in core subjects such as Mathematics and Science compared to the non-yog control group. The study thus showed that short, structured yog interventions help students manage intense exam-related panic and repetitive negative thoughts.

In the present-day world, where there is a total lack of trust among nations and an atmosphere of fear and hostility prevails, yog philosophy, by promoting Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and breaking down the 'us vs them' mentality, can bring nations closer and make the world a much better place.

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Kota's other aspirants: Parents who put their lives on hold

Life in Rajasthan's coaching town is not just about students. It's also about an entire 'invisible' ecosystem of families sacrificing careers, stability, and finances to support children's exam dreams, sharing emotional burdens and the psychological costs of high-stakes aspirations

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For more than two decades, Dr Sunita Sunil Karande's life was measured by eye charts, prescriptions, and surgeries. As an ophthalmologist in Solapur, Maharashtra, her professional identity was ironclad. But between 2022 and 2023, her life could be measured by lunchboxes, mock-test schedules, and the hum of a rented apartment in Rajasthan's Kota.

In 2021, when her son went to Kota to prepare for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), Karande made a choice: she paused her medical practice, left her husband to manage their family hospital, left her daughter in a hostel, and relocated.

"For me, staying in Kota was not just about academic support," Dr Karande says, looking around the modest flat that represents their temporary life. "It was about getting much-deserved mother-son time. As a doctor, I couldn't always be there for my children when they were growing up. In Kota, I could cook his favourite meals and spend time with him every day."

Thousands of miles away from his tech desk, Kapil Sharma is experiencing a similar, surreal reinvention. A computer engineer from Rohru, Shimla, Sharma resigned from his corporate job when his son, Varshil, decided to take a drop year for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

"Because he dropped a year, we only have one attempt left," Sharma explains, his hands now adept at kitchen chores he never used to do earlier. "I left my job, learned how to cook, and I am here with him full-time so that he does not get distracted. He passed out from a Sainik school and lived in a highly protected environment all these years. He wasn't ready to face this alone."

Then there is Nishu Kumari, from Bhagalpur, Bihar. Her commitment to Kota isn't a matter of months; it is a decade-long sentence. She has relocated to the coaching city with her two daughters — one in Class 7, the other still in kindergarten. She expects to remain here alone with them until both take their entrance tests, a plan that will keep her marriage operating across a geographic fracture for over ten years.

"I will stay here alone with them," Nishu says. "It's a sacrifice we are entirely willing to make."

The Shared Dream

In the beginning, the dream is almost always the child's: an IIT seat, a medical college admission, a future secured by a rank, a score, a name on a PDF list. But, somewhere along the way, in the neon-lit coaching corridors and cramped, identical rented apartments of Kota, the dream morphs into a massive family enterprise.

Every year, thousands of middle-class Indian parents uproot lives they spent decades building and move to this city built entirely on aspiration. Mothers leave careers, friendships, and familiar domestic routines. Fathers request work-from-home accommodations or divide themselves brutally between two addresses — earning a living in one city to sustain a high-stakes dream in another. Grandparents step in as caregivers, cooks, and emotional anchors. Homes become transient, rented flats.

The 2.5 lakh students who descend upon Kota each year are, of course, the most visible residents of the city, moving between classrooms and hostels with the determined, anxious urgency of people racing an invisible clock.

But they are only half the story.

The other half waits outside the gates of coaching centres, holding flasks of warm milk and tiffin boxes full of cut fruit. This adult half studies mock test scores like stock portfolios, learning to navigate the restless nights before results, the strained, heavy silences after setbacks, and the delicate, terrifying balance between encouragement and pressure.

Time in Kota has been entirely about [daughter] Pratyasha's studies, says Ujjala Sarkar (top right)**, who moved to Kota with husband Arunkumar Sarkar, a retired Air Force captain. After Pratyasha took NEET this year, the family travelled to Vrindavan, believing the long vigil was over. The announcement of a retest has meant a starting over**

DOC WHO LEFT HER PRACTICE TO MOVE TO KOTA

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— Dr Sunita Sunil Karande (in pic, extreme left)

SHE'LL STAY FOR 10 YRS WITH TWO DAUGHTERS

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When Entire Families Relocate

Coaching operators estimate that nearly 20,000 families annually relocate to Kota for a few years at a time. It has given rise to a unique demographic of "co-studying" parents.

Nandlal Kumar left Nalanda in Bihar and moved to Kota with his wife and two children eight years ago. His daughter, Laxmirani, was in Class 6 then; this year, she finally appeared for NEET. His son Anand, a fourth-grader when they arrived, is now a teenager preparing for JEE 2028. The family lives in a rented apartment where daily life is strictly dictated by the coaching institutes' timetables. To fund this marathon, Kumar's life has been split in two. His real estate and brick kiln businesses remain in Bihar, managed with his elderly father's help. He commutes back and forth when absolutely necessary, carrying the earnings back to Kota to keep the educational machine running.

For Ujjala Sarkar and her husband, retired Air Force Captain Arunkumar Sarkar, the calculation was supposed to be short-term. Three years ago, Arunkumar retired from the Jodhpur air base and moved the family to Kota so their younger daughter, Pratyasha, could prepare for NEET.

"Time in Kota has been entirely about Pratyasha's studies," Ujjala says. The family's calendar was measured not by festivals or holidays, but by mock tests. After Pratyasha took the NEET exam this year, the family finally packed their bags and travelled to Vrindavan, believing the long vigil was over. Then came the devastating national announcement that the examination would have to be retaken due to irregularities.

"So, here we are," Ujjala says with a sigh. "Back in Kota, starting over."

When the parental unit cannot move entirely, the wider family structure steps in. When Jaya Lahoti, mother of JEE Advanced 2024 topper Ved Lahoti, had to leave Kota for five months due to family exigencies, Ved's grandfather, Ramesh Chandra Somani, packed his bags to take her place as the primary pillar of support.

Yet, this lifestyle demands an unyielding internal stamina. "The city runs on a relentless cycle of classes, tests, and preparation. It demands tremendous discipline and energy — not just from the student, but from the parent," cautions Prasad Deshpande, father of Arohi, the all-India girl topper of JEE Advanced 2026.

The Multigenerational Safety Net

The faces in Kota's high-density coaching districts increasingly belong to grandmothers who have stepped into the roles of full-time wardens.

A de-stressing yoga class for moms in Kota

"For some parents, a child's success becomes entirely intertwined with their own personal sacrifices. The first three months are about physical adjustment to the city. The next three are about building confidence and routine. Only after that does the real, psychological race begin

Dr Himanshu Sharma
HEAD OF ALLEN'S SANISHTHA EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING CENTRE

Aradhya Yadav arrived from Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, with her mother and brother. But while her mother desperately longed to return home and her brother struggled to adapt to the gruelling pace of the coaching institutes, Aradhya begged to stay. The compromise? Her 70-year-old grandmother, Urmila Devi Yadav, became a permanent Kota resident.

"Someone had to stay with her," Urmila says, adjusting her sari. "I had no choice." For two years, this septuagenarian has operated as a guardian, late-night cook, and teenage confidante.

The phenomenon crosses socioeconomic divides. Priyanka Parekh from Gujarat spent three years in Kota with her daughter, managing the isolation by enrolling in and earning an MA degree herself while her daughter attended NEET classes. On the other end of the spectrum, Shobha Mahawar works punishing hours as a domestic cook in multiple households and sweeps the floors of Kota's student hostels, doing backbreaking manual labour just to ensure her daughter, Seema, can afford quality coaching.

The Crushing Math Of Failure

Every parent who signs a lease in Kota knows the mathematical odds they are playing against.

Roughly 14 lakh students take the JEE each year for a minuscule 18,000 seats across the elite IITs. More than 22 lakh candidates appear for NEET, competing for a tight pool of about 1.2 lakh medical college seats.

"Priorities have changed for middle-class India," says Allen Career Institute founder director Rajesh Maheshwari. "Today, it is *roti, kapda, aur shisksha* (food, clothing, and education)."

But what happens when the massive financial and emotional investment does not add up?

Lalman Yadav, a govt schoolteacher from Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, has been financially supporting his son's Kota journey since 2024. This year, his son failed to secure an IIT seat through JEE Advanced. Now, the boy wants a second chance.

"Another year will be incredibly expensive, but we are trying to manage somehow," says Yadav. Between coaching fees, accommodation, and daily living expenses, the city burns through Rs 4-5 lakh of his income annually. They have avoided taking an education loan so far, but the financial margins are thinning to a razor's edge.

The dilemma is hauntingly familiar across the city's residential colonies. Sanya Bhoomi arrived in Kota from Noida in 2024. She cleared JEE Main but missed the cut-off rank for the IITs in JEE Advanced. Now, her family faces the agonising gamble that confronts thousands: accept a seat at a lesser-known engineering college, or spend another half-a-million rupees and an immense amount of emotional endurance on a second attempt.

The decision is never purely academic. It involves the unspoken weight of how much debt a family can absorb, and how long an adult life can be paused before the sacrifice becomes toxic.

The Art Of Resilience — And Its Dark Side

For parents, the erosion of their personal lives happens so gradually that they barely notice it at first: a promotion deferred, a medical practice scaled back, a second household budget managed on credit cards. But over time, the emotional investment becomes far more volatile than the financial one.

When a parent gives up their career, their marriage's proximity, and their personal identity for a child's exam, that sacrifice can inadvertently become a psychological guillotine for the student.

"For some parents, a child's success becomes entirely intertwined with their own personal sacrifices," explains Dr Himanshu Sharma, head of Allen's Sanishtha Emotional Well-being Centre. The centre — established in response to the tragic spikes in student suicides in the city — is entirely free and saw a staggering footfall of 30,000 students and parents last year.

Dr Sharma argues that in modern Kota, the parents need psychological counselling just as much as the children. "The first three months are about physical adjustment to the city. The next three are about building confidence and routine. Only after that does the real, psychological race begin."

This advice reflects the heaviest truth about the city. Kota is globally marketed as a triumphant training ground for India's future scientific and medical elite. However, it is also a landscape that recorded 17 student suicides in 2024, following a tragic peak of 26 in 2023. For the thousands of families navigating its streets, the city is a brutal, mandatory crash course in patience, structural resilience, and the deeply difficult art of supporting a young child's dream without accidentally consuming their life in the process.

This is one of the quiet migrations quietly reshaping modern India, driven by an unyielding hope — specifically, the fierce, middle-class belief that education remains the single surest bridge between what is and what might be.

Kota has become the stark geography of that national faith. Its streets remain permanently lined with institutional hoardings and unprecedented parental devotion: lunchboxes carried up steep apartment staircases, careers abandoned on desks back home, lifetime savings stretched to the breaking point, and adult lives temporarily, hopefully, suspended.

Why star kids are a class apart

For students most likely to make the headlines, life in Kota can look surprisingly cushioned, **report Hemali Chhapia & Suparna Roy**. Coaching institutes, long associated with relentless competition and pressure, have built enclaves of comfort around their brightest prospects. The perks extend well beyond academics: residential facilities, curated meals, festival celebrations and even organised outings for families who have uprooted themselves in pursuit of a rank.

"We don't have to worry about anything," says Payal Goyal from Mohali, whose son, Ishan, secured AIR 113 in JEE Advanced 2026. "From Mother's Day outings to Holi celebrations, they take care of us."

Payal Goyal with her son Ishan, who ranked 113 in this year's JEE Advanced

The attention is deliberate. Students identified as potential top performers and their parents are often housed separately and provided amenities that feel more like a premium residential campus than a coaching hostel. Meals come with an array of choices, from fresh salads to dessert, and a dedicated support team handles everything from logistics to emotional well-being.

At the centre of this ecosystem is often a designated caretaker, part concierge and part local guardian. "She takes care of all our needs," says Sutapa Sanyal from Midnapore. "Whether we want to go on a day trip or need help with something else, she is just a phone call away."

The care can extend into unexpectedly personal territory. One parent, who began experiencing severe hair loss after relocating to Kota with her son, was referred to a leading doctor in Delhi. Consultations, treatment, medicines and hair care products were arranged, with the coaching institute covering the expenses.

TIMES NATION

IAF launches desi kamikaze drone project

New Delhi: IAF has launched a major project to jointly build indigenous long-range kamikaze drones with domestic partners to prepare for drone-centric warfare in the future.

Aiming to develop a fully indigenous ecosystem for the design, development, manufacturing and sustainment of kamikaze drones, the IAF has issued a limited tender to select Indian companies for one-way attack unmanned aerial systems (OWA-UAS).

OWA-UAS, or kamikaze drones, are self-sacrificing unmanned aerial vehicles that fly to a target area, locate enemies and detonate on impact.

The tender invites bids for indigenous design, development, setting up of manufacturing facilities and training for unmanned aerial systems. To promote self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) in defence production, the project will be handled by the 5 Base Repair Depot at Sulur near Coimbatore, designated as the nodal agency.

IAF will retain Intellectual Property Rights of the drone platform. The drones should operate up to 16,000 feet and function in both day and night conditions. — **Surendra Singh**

SC orders aid for 80-yr-old, blind son living in poverty

Asks Odisha To Provide Free House, Pension

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New Delhi: Giving succour to an octogenarian mother battling poverty along with her blind son in a Odisha village, SC Tuesday directed the state to provide her a free PMAY house and old-age pension.

A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana took suo motu cognisance of a heart-rending news report on recently widowed Radhika Bhue (80) and her visually impaired son, Japa Bhue (56), living without basic amenities in a ramshackle asbestos structure exposed to the elements.

The bench said, "The existence of such circumstances, if found to be true, strikes at the very heart of the constitutional guarantees enshrined under Art 14 and 21, including the right to live with dignity."

It said such circumstances raised concerns over the discharge of the state's constitutional obligations, particularly towards vulnerable and marginalised sections. "Continuation of such deprivation, especially in respect of a differently abled citizen and an elderly dependant, would be contrary to the constitutional vision of social justice and inclusiveness," the bench said, adding it could amount to a failure in implementing welfare measures meant for disadvantaged persons.

The OTV report — 'Forgotten by the system: A blind son and his aging mother living on hope alone' — detailed the duo's struggle to survive on a meagre family pension and the kindness of villagers.

The state govt counsel informed SC that the govt had since provided a house and was paying Radhika Rs 3,500 a month along with 30 kg of rice.

SC seeks govt, EC replies on plea against Aadhaar as proof of citizenship, domicile

Notwithstanding its repeated assertions during the West Bengal SIR proceedings that Aadhaar is only proof of identity and not citizenship, Supreme Court Tuesday sought responses from Centre, states, EC and UIDAI on a PIL seeking a ban on its use as proof of citizenship and domicile. The petitioner — Ashwini Upadhyay — said everyone, including foreigners, is entitled to Aadhaar after residing in India for merely 182 days. He added that Aadhaar could be obtained through common service centres operated by private persons on recommendations of village pradhans, municipal councillors or even on the basis of a rent agreement.

Despite repeated SC rulings and declarations by UIDAI, Aadhaar is increasingly being used as proof of age, citizenship and domicile, the plea said. This, Upadhyay alleged, enables illegal migrants to obtain Aadhaar, purchase property, secure ration cards and avail welfare benefits, while also facilitating inclusion in voter lists and potentially influencing demography and electoral outcomes. TNN

Pressure on coaching centres: Gehlot

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Videos on social media on Tuesday showed posters publicising **Rahul Gandhi**'s event being removed in Kota, triggering sharp reactions from Congress members and a counter-attack from BJP.

In a post on X Monday, Ashok Gehlot claimed calls were made from Birla's office to Kota coaching centres and PG facilities, warning them against allowing students to attend Gandhi's scheduled interaction at Dussehra Maidan.

On Tuesday, Gehlot repeated the charge. "LoP is visiting LS Speaker's constituency and he should be welcomed. Instead, an atmosphere has been created where Birlaji is opposing the visit and wants to ensure no one attends the event. The Speaker should clarify his position on why this situation has arisen and at whose behest all this is happening," he said.

Gandhi is slated to meet students in Kota ahead of Sunday's NEET re-exam, with Congressmen urging all students to join Wednesday's programme.

No clarity yet on NCPI leadership

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TMC rebels earlier announced they had "merged" with the little known NCPI, a move that helped them escape the disqualification provisions of anti-defection law.

"It is expected of Speaker **Om Birla** that he should form his opinion after hearing both sides and experts in the interest of natural justice, and he will do it," a source said, declining to give any likely timeline for him to deliver the verdict.

TMC is now left with only eight of its 28 MPs.

As questions swirl over NCPI leadership with sources in the know saying that Dastidar herself is the party's new chief after Shewli's resignation, the seasoned MP was quoted by PTI as saying that a man named Jyotiprakash Chatterji heads the party.

However, those familiar with NCPI's affairs expressed ignorance of such a person, while Shewli and her husband Uttiya Kundu, one of its founders, have offered no clarity on the current leadership.

Sources said Birla's office emailed Abhishek Banerjee at 2pm Monday, asking him to meet the Speaker at 4pm. However, Abhishek was being quizzed by CID, prompting TMC to apprise Birla of the situation.

Mamata moves HC against Suvendu's Bhowanipore win

Former WB CM and TMC chief **Mamata Banerjee** moved Calcutta high court on Tuesday challenging current CM Suvendu Adhikari's victory from Bhowanipore in April's assembly polls, alleging a "reasonable likelihood of bias" by EC officials and irregularities during the counting. TNN

Abhishek faces sleuths for third consecutive day

Kolkata: Trinamool national general secretary's **Abhishek Banerjee** was questioned for six-and-a-half hours Tuesday by CID over alleged inflammatory statements during the assembly poll campaign, including a controversial "DJ" remark.

With this, the LS MP has been questioned on three consecutive days. He appeared before CID in the signgate case Sunday and ED on Monday in the cash-for-jobs probe. TMC claimed Tuesday that Abhishek had been questioned for over 31 hours in total and had cooperated "to the best of his abilities".

At CID headquarters, the questioning focused on his speeches during the campaign. "Since he had made controversial statements repeatedly, we want to probe if there was a larger conspiracy to create trouble in the state," a CID source said.

The controversial "DJ" remark referred to Abhishek's prediction of a resounding TMC victory. "The DJ will definitely play and it will play so loudly that your ears will ring," he was quoted as saying. TNN

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ART RESIDES IN THE QUALITY OF DOING, PROCESS IS NOT MAGIC — CHARLES EAMES

CATE BLANCHETT WILL BE VISITING PROFESSOR AT OXFORD THIS FALL: 'ELECTRIFYING OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH NEXT GEN'

ALEC BALDWIN SAYS PARENTS MUST KEEP FIGHTING TO SHOW THE WAY TO CHILDREN: 'I WANT MY KIDS TO GROW UP HAVING HOPE'

Day after US, Iran agreed to tentative deal, Israeli strikes kill 4 in Lebanon

Tehran Demands Ouster Of Israel From Lebanon As Part Of Agreement

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington/Dubai: Iran's top diplomat said Tuesday that the tentative deal to end the war with the US would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon — a condition Israel has rejected, leading to the resumption of all-out war. While Israel is not party to the agreement, it is part of the war.

Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the deal. "Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end," Araghchi said. A US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss outlines of the agreement, has said the deal did not call for an Israeli withdrawal.

On Tuesday, Israeli drone strikes in Leabanon killed at least four people, Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA) reported. Two people were killed in a double-tap strike, with a drone hitting a car in the village of Mayfadoun followed by a second strike after people had gathered at the scene. Another drone strike on the town of Shoukin killed two other people, the agency said. Throughout Tuesday, the Israeli military pounded southern Lebanon with drone strikes, a missile launch, and artillery strikes, according to NNA, while drones hovered over the capital Beirut. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military on the reported strikes.

AP

Villagers check their destroyed homes at Nabatiyeh, Lebanon, Tuesday

In a statement, Israel's military said it had intercepted rockets launched by Hezbollah at an area of southern Lebanon that was witnessing operations by Israeli soldiers. The military also said it had struck a launcher that had fired some of the rockets.

Meanwhile, US President Trump Tuesday sought to contain a growing political backlash over his emerging deal with Iran, pledging to hold a detailed press conference after Friday's formal signing ceremony and read the memorandum of understanding "word for word" to counter accusations that he had conceded too much in exchange for a headline-grabbing diplomatic win on his birthday.

The unusual promise came as critics across the ideological spectrum savaged him for a deal that the White House has promoted as a landmark achievement ending months of conflict with Tehran, but which, in reality, represents only a dodgy opening phase of a far more complicated diplomatic process.

The MoU, signed electronically this week and due to be formalised in Switzerland on Friday, is being described by US officials as the framework for a 60-day ceasefire and negotiation period. The most contentious issues — Iran's nuclear programme, the scope and timing of sanctions relief, the fate of frozen Iranian assets, and regional security arrangements — remain unresolved and will be the subject of subsequent talks.

Yet, even before the ink has dried, supporters and detractors alike have rushed to portray the MoU as either a masterstroke of statesmanship or a historic capitulation. For Trump, who has long prided himself on his dealmaking prowess, the agreement offers an opportunity to claim credit for ending a war without committing American troops to another prolonged West Asia conflict. But critics, especially within conservative and pro-Israel circles, have accused him of prioritising a political victory over long-term strategic considerations.

Prominent Trump ally Mark Levin has emerged as one of the agreement's fiercest critics, warning that any arrangement that leaves Iran's ballistic missile capabilities intact while easing economic pressure risks emboldening Tehran and its regional proxies.

The backlash has triggered an extraordinary "circular firing squad" within the broader MAGA movement, exposing a long-simmering divide between America First restraint advocates and traditional hawks. On one side stand Levin and like-minded conservatives who argue that maximum pressure on Iran and unwavering support for Israel must remain non-negotiable pillars of Republican foreign policy. On the other are influential figures such as Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly, Jack Posobiec and Candace Owens, who contend that critics of the agreement are dragging the US into another endless West Asia war.

The administration has sought to reassure sceptics by emphasising that the MoU is not a final settlement, but headlines announcing "Trump Makes Iran Great Again," fuelled by claims from Iranian state media that Washington has been worsted, has put the White House in a tough spot. Leaks in the media revealing that the US will allow Iran to immediately begin selling oil and fuel under the deal to end the war, offering Tehran an early financial aid to wind down the conflict, has further embarrassed the White House.

Allegations involving reconstruction funds to the tune of $300 billion, access to frozen assets and broader economic packages have fuelled suspicions that Tehran extracted enormous concessions from Washington. The administration has not confirmed many of the figures being cited by critics and has repeatedly denied reports suggesting that it agreed to sweeping benefits. The White House now faces the difficult task of persuading multiple audiences simultaneously: an American public weary of foreign wars, Republican voters divided over interventionism, nervous allies, and an Iranian leadership seeking tangible gains.

With inputs from agencies

Trump signals fresh sanctions on Russia as G7 refocuses on Ukraine

Evian-les-Bains, France: The US could soon reimpose sanctions on Russian oil shipments after President Trump and fellow leaders at the Group of Seven summit of major industrialised democracies moved Tuesday to put the war in Ukraine back on top of their agenda, more than four years after Russia launched its full-scale invasion.

The Iran conflict has in recent weeks overshadowed Ukraine, but following his announcement of an agreement to end the 3 1/2-month-old Gulf conflict, Trump said he now wants to focus on Ukraine. He said Iran will soon be "back in the rearview mirror".

Asked if he would reinstitute sanctions on Russia that were eased to help lower oil prices, Trump said the restrictions can go back in place as more oil moves through the Strait of Hormuz. "Soon we'll be able to do that because the oil is now flowing," Trump told reporters. "We're in a position to do that soon." The US in March temporarily eased some sanctions on some Russian oil shipments as crude prices rose sharply. The waiver has been extended as the war in the Gulf stretched on.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky joined the G7 leaders for talks on the war in his country that wrapped quickly, as leaders gathered for just 75 minutes. Zelensky said Ukraine is serious about peace while Russia toys with world leaders. "The entire 'Seven' supports Ukraine unanimously today," Zelensky said.

The Russian side, meanwhile, is failing to show any serious activity toward peace, Zelensky said. He added G7 leaders supported Ukraine's need for more Patriot missiles and discussed how to increase production by licensing production. Patriot missiles are able to counter Russian ballistic missile attacks on Ukraine's power grid and cities.

In Evian, the French spa town close to the Swiss border that is hosting the summit, Trump downplayed the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the US but lamented the death toll.

Hours before the summit began, Russia fired hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles at Ukraine's biggest cities in a barrage that killed 11 people and set fire to a religious landmark. The attacks came after Zelensky and Putin spoke separately by phone with Trump on Sunday, the US leader's 80th birthday. AP

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (second from right) greets Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky (R) as other G7 leaders speak with each other at the G7 summit in France

Sailors on Russian frigate fired warning shots at a yacht in the Channel

Sailors on board a Russian frigate fired warning shots at a civilian yacht near the Isle of Wight in the Channel that had come near to it on Tuesday, a source familiar with the incident said. Britain's ministry of defence said it was investigating reports of an incident in the Channel. No injuries were reported. The incident involved the Russian frigate Admiral Grigorovich, and it was being monitored by a Royal Navy vessel at the time. A UK-registered yacht alleged a Russian Navy vessel had fired the warning shots at a distance of approximately 500 yards, the source said. On Sunday, British commandos intercepted a sanctioned Russian "shadow fleet" oil tanker in the Channel, leading for the first time an operation to disrupt the oil revenue that helps fund Russia's war in Ukraine. The source said Tuesday's event was not viewed as being linked to that operation and was being treated as an isolated incident. REUTERS

Trump rebukes Bibi, says Syria could handle Hezbollah better than Israel

US President Donald Trump vented his frustration with Israel's military campaign in Lebanon, going as far to suggest that Syria would do a better job fighting Hezbollah there.

During a meeting at the G7 summit with Qatar's leader, Trump said Israel's campaign against the Iran-backed militant group had nearly derailed peace negotiations with Tehran. Trump's suggestion is a clear jab at Israel. Syria is a long-time adversary of the Jewish state and Israel is deeply suspicious of the new govt in Damascus.

"I suggested to Israel to let Syria take care of Hezbollah," Trump said Tuesday. "I'm not happy with the way Israel has handled themselves with Lebanon and with Hezbollah. They should have been able to do the job faster. It just goes on forever, and when that happens, it throws a negative light on the big deal, and that's the deal with Iran."

Trump said the agreement can survive if Israel continues to carry out attacks in Lebanon, but still he reiterated displeasure with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu. "...Bibi has to be more responsible with respect to Lebanon," Trump said. "Too many people are being killed, and you don't have to knock down an apartment house every time you're looking for somebody." BLOOMBERG

Final US deal talks to begin this week: Iran

Iran on Tuesday said talks with the US on its nuclear programme and sanctions relief would likely begin later this week. Officials say negotiations over a final deal will take place within a 60-day window after an MoU to end the war is physically signed. "Likely on Friday, at a location to be determined... a new round of negotiations to reach a final agreement will begin," foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said. AFP

Hormuz transit to take weeks to resume: Tanker operator

Shipowners will not resume transit through the Strait of Hormuz for weeks until they are confident that the US-Iran peace deal is "material", the CEO of Japan's Mitsui OSK Lines told Financial Times in an interview.

The war, which began in late Feb, has largely halted shipping through the key route for around a fifth of the world's oil and LNG supply, along with products such as aluminium and urea. "Given the experiences in the last couple of months, I think it's reasonable to assume that it may take at least a couple of weeks or if not a month," Jotaro Tamura told FT, before US President Trump announced a deal to end the war in Iran. The agreement between Washington and Tehran has not changed Tamura's view, the FT report said. "We recognise there are signs of movement toward a ceasefire. However, operations will not be resumed until safety has been sufficiently confirmed," Mitsui OSK told Reuters.

"The resumption of transit will require close coordination with govts of the relevant countries, insurers, and other stakeholders," the Japanese shipping giant added.

Trump said Monday ships loaded with oil are starting to move out of the strait, "going along the Southern 'Highway,' which is totally safe, secure, and pristine". REUTERS

EU says China trained Russian troops to fight in Ukraine war

The European Union's top diplomat said China has been training Russian troops to fight in Ukraine, sharpening Brussels' criticism of Beijing's enabling role in the conflict as the bloc weighs a tougher economic and security stance.

"We have also now verified reports that the Chinese military has been training Russian military personnel to fight in Ukraine," EU high representative Kaja Kallas said Monday after a meeting of foreign ministers in Luxembourg. "We are carefully assessing the implications."

Kallas did not name or elaborate on the reports. Reuters reported last month the Chinese military secretly trained about 200 Russian military personnel in China late last year, and some have since returned to fight in Ukraine. The report, which cited European intelligence agencies and documents, said the covert training sessions focused on the use of drones and were outlined in an agreement signed by senior Russian and Chinese officers in Beijing last July.

China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Beijing has maintained its neutrality regarding Russia's invasion of Ukraine while providing Moscow with a crucial economic lifeline.

On Monday, EU added two manufacturers based in mainland China and two Hong Kong-based shipping firms to its sanctioned list. Shenzhen Minghuaxin and Xinxiang Richful Lubricant Additive Company were accused respectively of supplying drone components and chemical additives for mechanical lubricants to Russia. Glory Shipping HK Limited and Nord Axis Ltd were sanctioned for enabling the shipment and export of Russian oil, according to an EU document. REUTERS

8 die in B-52 bomber crash after takeoff at US air base

Los Angeles: A B-52 bomber crashed shortly after takeoff at a US Air Force base in Southern California's Mojave desert and burst into flames Monday, killing all eight people aboard, officials said.

Aerial footage showed virtually nothing left of the aircraft that went down around 11.20am during a routine test mission at Edwards Air Force Base, north of Los Angeles. Black smoke rose from a large swath of charred desert near the runway on the base, with emergency vehicles nearby.

Those on the B-52 included govt contractors and uniformed military. Aircraft manufacturer Boeing confirmed Monday evening two of its employees were on board. After reviewing footage of the crash, it was determined no one could have survived, Colonel James Hayes, the deputy commander for the 412 test wing at Edwards, said.

AP

Smoke plumes rise from the crash in Southern California

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash, and it could take up to six months to complete an investigation, Hayes said, adding that the B-52 was supporting the "radar modernisation programme." Designed to carry both conventional and nuclear weapons, the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress has been used in conflicts involving the US military from Vietnam to Iran. AP

Russian artist critical of Kremlin killed in Poland

Warsaw: A Russian artist critical of President Vladimir Putin was shot and killed in the Polish town of Biala Podlaska, a Polish prosecutor said Tuesday. Five shots were fired at the victim, including one to the head, Marcin Kozak, a spokesperson for the district prosecutor in Lublin, told a press briefing, adding two Belarusians had been detained, but not charged, in connection with the case.

Local media identified the victim as Robert Kuzovkov, also known under his artistic pseudonym as Semyon Skrepetsky, a Russian artist known for his criticism of Putin. Three days before he was killed, Skrepetsky had travelled to Berlin on Russia Day, where he protested with an icon-like caricature of Joseph Stalin and Putin, according to the Meduza news outlet. REUTERS

FBI: Alleged plot to attack WH fight night thwarted

Washington: US law enforcement Tuesday said it had foiled an alleged plot to attack the White House during a crowded mixed martial arts event attended by President Trump and other top officials.

"Multiple individuals are now in custody and allegedly planned attacks were stopped cold," FBI director **Kash Patel** said on X.

According to Fox News and other US media, five people have been arrested and investigators have identified 23 people in a "potential network of plotters" who communicated in a Signal group chat.

The group allegedly planned to detonate explosive-laden drones over the UFC arena on the White House lawn where the fights were held on Sunday and then have snipers open fire on "high value targets" in the crowd. One of those arrested according to a complaint was Tycen Proper, 19, who was taken into custody on June 10 in Ohio after his mother informed police he had been communicating online with a group that "expressed ultra-religious and anti-govt sentiments".

According to Proper, who was found to be in possession of an AR-style rifle and thousands of rounds of ammunition, the attack was designed to "jumpstart a revolution in the US", the complaint said.

Trump on Sunday joined thousands of fans at the White House fights, where a temporary arena dubbed "The Claw" was erected on the South Lawn. AFP

France to go local for intel services, drops US AI giant

France's govt took a new step Tuesday in search of "strategic autonomy" for its intelligence services, announcing that it would ditch American AI giant Palantir's data sifting systems in favour of a domestic provider. The move comes as European govts are increasingly uneasy about relying on US-controlled technologies, with Washington squeezing access last week to the latest model from AI giant Anthropic.

France must "build real autonomy" and "not depend on the goodwill of partners, who are capable of turning off the access tap" for artificial intelligence, PM Sebastien Lecornu said. French company ChapsVision will now become the "technological foundation" for "many public agencies for data processing needs", the company said. AFP

DAILY PLANET

A vintage Volkswagen Beetle drives past ahead of a march marking the 50th anniversary of the 1976 uprising in Soweto, near Johannesburg, Tuesday. June 16 is observed as Youth Day in South Africa, honouring the Black students who took to streets and those who were killed protesting the apartheid govt's imposition of Afrikaans as a language of instruction

Pony moves into a Croatia building. Neighbours are okay

A month-old pony named **Mile** is the newest resident of an apartment building in the northern Croatian coastal town of Rovinj. Mile has moved in temporarily to his owners' fourth-floor flat because his mother rejected him at birth. He also needs round-the-clock care after undergoing an operation for a life-threatening infection in neighbouring Slovenia. "Every two hours, we warm up his milk and feed him," owner Andjelka Josipovic said. Josipovic lives in a one-bedroom flat with her partner Kristijan Jelenic, her two sons, a dog and now Mile. The unusual newcomer has drawn attention in the neighbourhood, but no one has complained. Mile spends his days with the other animals at the family-run ranch but returns to Rovinj in the evening. The pony rides in the back seat of the car. At the apartment, he sleeps on either a mattress or a sofa. Jelenic said having Mile at home at the moment is no different from having a dog or any other pet because he is still relatively small, weighing just 16kg. "In about 20 days, this probably will no longer be possible."

Dutch uncover country's 'largest Roman bathhouse'

Dutch authorities said Tuesday they had excavated the biggest Roman bathhouse yet discovered in the country, complete with jewellery, hairpins, coins and a bronze bust of Bacchus, the god of wine. Archaeologists have uncovered "tens of thousands" of items, including bronze statues, signet rings and a necklace with a gold clasp, authorities in the Dutch city of Nijmegen said. The discoveries "show the inhabitants of this part of the city lived in luxury some 1,800-1,900 years ago", said the city authorities. The bathing complex appeared to have been especially luxurious, with marble-clad walls and floors paved with limestone tiles.

Sunken station on infamous WWII 'Death Railway' resurfaces from Thai reservoir

Kanchanaburi: A depot on World War II's infamous "Death Railway" has resurfaced from beneath a reservoir where the site has remained underwater for decades, prompting researchers to race to western Thailand to survey the remnants of Nithe Station.

Thousands of Allied prisoners of war and Asian labourers toiled and died building the railway, a supply route through mainland Southeast Asia for the occupying Japanese forces. The Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand recently drained the reservoir at Vajiralongkorn Dam for maintenance, revealing the station. Historians are seizing the uncommon opportunity to further study the site in Kanchanaburi province for artifacts and to verify details. But time is limited, as the completion of the dam's maintenance in Aug and the rainy season may begin refilling the reservoir.

Nithe was a major station along the 415-km railway that connected Thailand, known at the time as Siam, with Myanmar, known then as Burma.

The railway was built by about 60,000 Allied POWs mainly from Australia, the UK, the US and Indonesia, as well as hundreds of thousands of Asian labourers, whom the Japanese called 'romusha'. More than 12,500 of the POWs and 75,000 labourers died during construction, inspiring the nickname "The Death Railway". The railway was featured in the 1957 film "The Bridge on the River Kwai" and the 2013 movie "The Railway Man". It also was the focus of the award-winning novel "The Narrow Road to the Deep North".

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A train approaches Thamkra Sae Station, one of the still active sections of the infamous World War II 'Death Railway', in Sai Yok, Thailand

Australian researcher Martyn Fryer flew from Perth to see the site. His grandfather died as a POW working on the railway after his 1942 capture in Singapore. He stomped through muddy bogs in sweltering 38°C heat to "understand what those lads went through and to appreciate the country and the terrain that they endured".

Fryer, who wrote a book about his grandfather's regiment, titled "From the Woodlands to the Jungle", scanned historic railway embankments with a metal detector. He found iron dog spikes, bridge staples and other war artifacts. "I've been to Nithe Station three times in the past, but the water level has always been too high to actually really appreciate the fantastic offerings that it has with the remaining infrastructure and the layout of the railway itself," Fryer said.

To locate POW camps in the area, Fryer compared wartime aerial photographs of Nithe from the National Archives in London with maps brought by Andrew Snow, a researcher with the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre. Snow's father was captured in Singapore and forced to work on the railway.

About 100km of winding mountain roads southwest of Nithe is Hellfire Pass, a brutal section of mountain where hundreds of POWs died. The Hellfire Pass Interpretive Centre, funded by Australian govt, received a record-breaking 169,000 visitors last year. "As time passes, places like Hellfire Pass become even more important," said Mick Clarke, an Australian Army veteran who manages the centre. "They keep personal stories alive and help future generations understand the cost of war." AP

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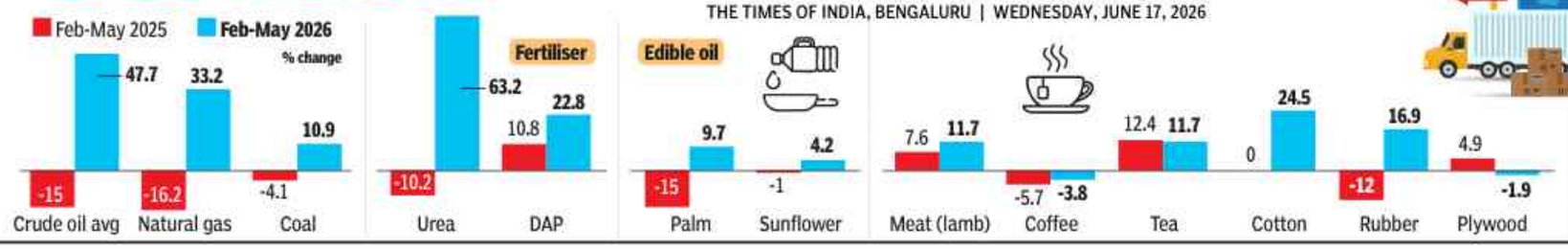
How Global Commodity Prices Fared During US-Iran War

The energy price index rose the most by 44.9% this year (Feb-May), after declining by 15.2% last year during the same period. Crude oil prices on an average increased sharply by 47.7%, and natural gas prices (average of US, Europe and Japan) registered 33.2% increase between Feb-May '26. Here's a look at how major commodities have fared broadly



Source: Bank of Baroda, Economic Research Department

➤ Going forward, **prices may remain elevated even in the next few months** as it will take time for supply chains to normalise

Gameskraft heads walk free as HC quashes ED arrests

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday declared the arrests of three directors of online gaming company Gameskraft illegal and ordered their immediate release from prison. Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing petitions filed by Gameskraft directors Vikas Taneja, Prithvi Raj Singh and Deepak Singh, who challenged their arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. "Writ petitions are allowed. Arrest of these petitioners is declared contrary to law. As a consequence thereof, the petitioners shall be set at liberty forthwith. The Registry is directed to intimate the prison authorities to enable release of these petitioners," Justice Nagaprasanna said while pronouncing the operative portion of the order. TNN

BoJ raises rate to 1%, highest in 31 years

The Bank of Japan raised its benchmark interest rate to the highest since 1995 and signalled that further policy normalisation lies ahead, at a policy meeting convened without the governor in attendance. The BOJ increased its benchmark rate by a quarter percentage point to 1%, according to a statement Tuesday. It also said it would keep its bond buying steady at a monthly pace of around ¥2 trillion ($12.5 billion) from April 2027. AGENCIES

Govt hikes windfall tax on diesel, ATF exports

New Delhi: Govt has hiked windfall gains tax on exports of diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF), while retaining the levy on petrol for the fortnight beginning June 16. The rate of special additional excise duty (SAED) on export of diesel will be Rs 14/litre, up from Rs 13.5/litre at present. SAED on export of ATF will be Rs 12.5/litre, up from Rs 9.5/litre. There is no change in the rate of duty on exports of petrol and it continues to be at Rs 1.5 per litre. AGENCIES

Amazon ramps up Q-comm operations

Mumbai: A late entrant to the quick commerce space, Amazon is ramping up its instant delivery operations with bigger urban fulfilment centres which can house a wider set of products beyond everyday essentials. The company is setting up 100 such new format centres starting with major metros. Amazon Now which rivals Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart, Zepto and Flipkart Minutes will deliver products ranging from apparel to luggage through the centres. TNN

D-St cheers peace deal, oil slide; sensex up for 4th day

Index Rises 544 Pts | Crude Slips Below $80 | Gold Glitters

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Mumbai: The execution of the peace deal in West Asia, between US and Iran, lifted sensex on Tuesday, its fourth consecutive session of gains. The index closed 544 points up at 76,808 points. Dipping crude oil prices—as there are strong expectations that energy supply chains in the Persian Gulf region will be restored soon—was one of the major factors for the day's rally, market players said.

The day's proceedings started relatively strong with sensex up about 300 points. Through the session it picked up small gains and closed at a level last seen over a month ago.

According to Vinod Nair of Geojit Investments, domestic equity markets continued the recovery momentum, buoyed by growing optimism around a de-escalation in US–Iran tensions and softening crude oil prices. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 361 points (at 11pm on Tuesday) to 52,031, a record high. Meanwhile, investors are cautious ahead of the upcoming US Federal Reserve policy meeting, which will be the first under the newly appointed central bank chief. While Fed is widely anticipated to hold rates, market participants will pay close attention to the forward guidance and commentary on the trajectory of the monetary policy in the world's largest economy, Nair said.

Interestingly, Tuesday's gains came despite net selling by foreign funds and almost zero net buying by domestic funds. This is raising doubts among market players if the rally could have an extended leg.

During the day, crude prices fell sharply with Brent crude trading below the $80/barrel mark for the first time in over three months. In early trades in the US markets, Brent was trading at $78.9, down 5.2% on the day, while WTI crude was trading at $75.2, down 5.4%.

HOW KEY GLOBAL INDICES FARED

Index (Country)	% change
Sensex (India)	0.7
Nifty (India)	0.5
Nikkei (Japan)	0.1
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	-1.4
Kospi (S Korea)	2.1
*Dow Jones (USA)	0.7
*Nasdaq (USA)	-0.4
*S&P (USA)	1.6

*At 9pm

GOLD $4,346 per ounce
➤ Gold prices rose more than 1% on Tuesday
➤ This is the highest rate of the metal since June 5

BRENT CRUDE $79.5 per barrel (-4.4%)

Good response for GIC OFS

Govt's offer for sale (OFS) for GIC got good investor response on the first day. As a result, govt has decided to offer an additional 3%, taking the total size to 5% of the company, aiming to mobilise about Rs 3,000 crore.

SpaceX pips Amazon in m-cap, briefly tops MS

SpaceX roared past Amazon's market valuation on Tuesday and briefly topped that of Microsoft, rapidly scaling the list of the world's most valuable companies on a topsy-turvy trading day fueled by frenzied action in the firm's newly listed option contracts.

SpaceX shares were up 10% at $211.6 after trading as high as $225.6, giving Elon Musk's company a market value exceeding $2.8 trillion — nearly $1 trillion above its record initial public offering valuation set last week.

The shares have surged as investors pile in to bet on SpaceX's sprawling empire, which spans rockets to AI.

A big driver of the early surge was Tuesday's launch of options in SpaceX stock, which confer the right, though not the obligation, to buy or sell the shares at a certain price by a stated date. They are often used by traders seeking to cash in on rising interest in a stock or to wager that shares will rise or fall quickly. More than 500,000 SpaceX options contracts changed hands within the first hour of trading, according to Trade Alert data. SpaceX's heavy bullish options trading volume likely helped lift the stock early in the session, said Brent Kochuba, founder of options analytics service SpotGamma. A surge of options volume can at times cause the underlying stock price to swing as options dealers, who facilitate trading by taking the other side of options trades, buy and sell shares to square their own risk.

"If you're a market maker, you can't hedge SpaceX with anything else other than SpaceX," he said.

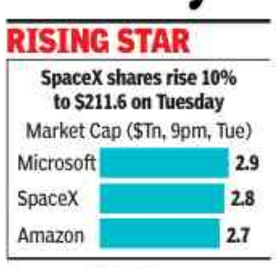
Trading volume in SpaceX shares was enormous, with 200 million shares traded at noon ET, according to LSEG data.

Analysts and investors said the rally could continue as SpaceX is set for fast-track inclusion in the Nasdaq 100, which will soon make it a major holding for passive funds and ETFs that track the index, creating a fresh source of demand for its shares. REUTERS

RISING STAR

SpaceX shares rise 10% to $211.6 on Tuesday

Market Cap ($Tn, 9pm, Tue)



BCG: India among top 3 destinations for AI talent

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New Delhi: India is strengthening its position in the global race for skilled talent even as international mobility of professionals slows sharply, according to Boston Consulting Group's (BCG) Top Talent Tracker Q2 2026.

The report shows that cross-border movement of highly skilled workers fell 11.6% in 2025, dropping from 3.7 million to 3.3 million. The decline was sharper in specialised categories, with STEM talent mobility down 13%, AI talent down 12% and research professionals down 19%, reflecting tighter immigration policies and shifting global demand.

Despite the slowdown, India emerged as one of the biggest gainers across all major talent segments. It now ranks among the top three global destinations for both AI and STEM talent, accounting for about 6% of globally mobile AI professionals and 7% of STEM talent.

India also recorded the strongest annual increase in AI talent share among major destinations, rising by 1.3 percentage points. Overall, it posted gains across highly skilled talent (+0.2 percentage points), STEM (+0.7), AI (+1.3) and research talent (+0.3), signalling broad-based momentum rather than sector-specific growth.

BCG attributes part of this rise to the return of highly skilled non-resident Indians, which is helping deepen the country's domestic talent base and strengthen its innovation ecosystem.

At the same time, India continues to remain the world's largest net exporter of highly skilled professionals, indicating that outward migration remains significant even as inflows improve.

The report also highlights intensifying competition for AI expertise globally, even as overall mobility slows. Traditional hubs such as Canada and the UK are losing ground, while destinations like the UAE, Saudi Arabia and select European economies are gaining share.

Lower oil prices to offer relief to consumers, govt

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New Delhi: Tuesday's fall in Brent to under $80 a barrel for the first time in three months will allow oil companies to hold pump prices at current levels, while helping govt finances and keeping inflation from rising, provided gains on crude hold.

Policymakers are cautious while making any projections, given how the peace talks between the US and Iran have moved, but the markets seem to be more upbeat. Stocks of oil marketing companies have rallied in the last two days, apart from softening of global prices .

"It seems to be a relief rally and if prices can be sustained will depend on demand and supply. Oil marketing companies are still losing money and govt has given a substantial relief through excise cut. If oil prices come down and stay at a lower level for some time, then the benefit of softening prices can be transmitted to consumers," said DK Joshi, chief economist at Crisil.

While Brent had dropped to $83 a barrel on Monday, the cost for Indian refiners was estimated at $82.84, indicating that the gap had narrowed. But the cost for consumers is not a function of crude but linked to the international price of petrol and diesel, and in June they were higher by 22% and 43% , respectively.

"The recent de-escalation in the conflict and moderation in oil prices bodes well for both inflation and growth outlook for India. With every $10 increase in oil, inflation tends to rise by 20-30bps and growth drag is 20bps . While the impact of disruptions may linger in the system for some time, the eventual move of oil prices towards $70 pbl over the coming months could help bring stability for rupee as well as reduce rising fiscal pressures due to higher subsidy costs for govt," said Sakshi Gupta, principal economist, HDFC Bank.

The easing of tension and lower prices of oil and fertiliser are going to offer significant relief to govt as a massive spike in subsidy bill is expected, with the Centre under pressure to double support for soil nutrient and bear the burden of losses on sale of subsidised gas cylinders. With oil marketing companies losing around Rs 700 crore daily on fuel and cooking gas, their contribution by way of direct tax will be zero.

"The fertiliser subsidy will overshoot but not double as was being suggested. The LPG subsidy will increase, but there will be no fresh price hikes by oil companies, provided the peace deal works out. We expect the fiscal deficit to be higher than what was budgeted," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda.

Shake-up at BigBasket: Nanda replaces Menon

Mandate For The New CEO: Arrest Losses, Strengthen Co's Position In Q-Comm Space

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Bengaluru: As BigBasket prepares for a leadership transition amid pressure to reduce losses and strengthen its position in quick commerce, outgoing chief executive Hari Menon has acknowledged that the company was slow to embrace the 10-minute delivery model but insists it is now catching up rapidly.

The online grocer will see Amit Nanda, a former Amazon India executive, take over as chief executive. Menon co-founded BigBasket in Bengaluru in 2011 along with Vipul Parekh and both will remain on the board. Menon turns 65 in Nov, at which point he would have reached the Tata Group's mandatory retirement age.

Nanda's mandate is clear: arrest losses, strengthen BigBasket's position in the fast-growing quick commerce market and improve margins — no easy task for a business that has consumed significant capital since Tata Digital acquired a majority stake in 2021. BigBasket's performance has become a flashpoint in the wider governance battle at the top of the Tata Group.

Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata has raised questions over losses at BigBasket and other new ventures. Last month, Tata Digital chief executive and BigBasket chairman Sajith Sivanandan presented a plan to the Tata Sons board, which included Noel, to cut losses across the digital portfolio. The losses at Tata Digital and other new ventures have been linked to Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran's prospects for a third term — a matter that remains unresolved. Menon dismissed concerns that funding scrutiny at Tata Digital could affect operations.

"I'm just ignoring all the noise. Frankly, it doesn't impact us operationally at all," he said, adding that he has "absolute commitment from the chairman" on continued support for the business.

On quick commerce, Menon admitted he initially underestimated the model. "I was in complete denial mode at that point in time," he said. "I kept saying, why would somebody need anything in 10 minutes? But if I give it to you in 10 minutes, you'll gladly take it." The delay, coupled with BigBasket's decision to operate separate interfaces for scheduled grocery deliveries and quick commerce, cost the company valuable time, he said. "We probably lost six months there. "We should have gone straight to one quick commerce door," Menon said, adding that the dual-door approach created confusion for new customers. BigBasket currently operates over 900 dark stores and expects to cross 1,000 stores within two months.

Despite the growing focus on quick commerce, Menon said one of BigBasket's biggest strengths remains its fresh produce business. "We chose to start with Fresh on Day One in every city. It was high risk, but the way it panned out was really one of my high points."

CAN NEW CEO ACE Q-COMM GAME?

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AMIT NANDA

Yum Brands sells Pizza Hut in $2.7bn deal

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Mumbai: Yum Brands is selling struggling fast food chain Pizza Hut in a $2.7 billion deal to two entities, the American company said on Tuesday. As part of the transactions, the Pizza Hut business excluding Mainland China will be bought by private equity (PE) firm LongRange Capital for nearly $1.5 billion while the China operations will be sold to Yum China Holdings for about $1.2 billion.

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"Across the two transactions, Yum! expects to receive approximately $2.3 billion of net proceeds after taxes, closing adjustments and transaction-contingent fees, excluding the earn-out. Yum! additionally expects to incur one-time expenses of approximately $85 million during the remainder of 2026 to effectuate the separation," the company said.

Under the new arrangement, the India business of Pizza Hut will also come under LongRange Capital, a global spokesperson for Yum Brands confirmed in a mailed statement. Local franchise partner Devyani International (DIL) will continue to run the operations in India although DIL will report to the management of LongRange Capital going ahead, analysts said. Both transactions are expected to close in the third quarter of 2026.

"Pizza Hut in India had focused more on dine-in as compared to delivery by its key competition-Domino's. With increasing commute time and pizza becoming a commoditised food offering, Pizza Hut has lost its only USP of better dine-in service. The half hearted delivery focus has also not worked for Pizza Hut in India," said Ravindra Yadav, partner at The Knowledge Company. Average revenue per outlet per year for Domino's is around 3.2 times more than that of Pizza Hut, Yadav said.

HC refuses to quash ED move against Flipkart co-founders

Bengaluru: The Madras high court refused to quash Enforcement Directorate (ED) proceedings against Flipkart co-founders Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal in a case relating to alleged violations of foreign investment regulations, allowing the long-running matter to proceed.

Legal news platform Bar and Bench first reported the development on Tuesday.

FEMA CASE

The case pertains to alleged violations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) between 2009 and 2011, during Flipkart's early years. The ED alleged that Flipkart received foreign direct investment (FDI) of Rs 142.4 crore from overseas investors and issued equity shares without obtaining prior govt approval, as required under the rules prevailing at the time.

The agency also alleged that WS Retail Services, one of the earliest sellers on Flipkart's platform, was used as an intermediary to structure transactions in a way that circumvented restrictions on foreign-funded companies selling directly to consumers. TNN

Inflation starting to take toll on consumers: P&G

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Mumbai: An uptick in inflation is starting to "take a toll" on consumers who are increasingly becoming more mindful in terms of spending, Procter & Gamble (P&G) India said on Tuesday, projecting short-term headwinds to growth amid macro-economic risks.

"Inflation is all around us, across food, energy, healthcare and so many more areas of everyday spending. The reality of daily living costs has significantly altered Indian consumer psychology. Even consumers who have the resources are much more disciplined and thoughtful about how they spend it," said V Kumar, CEO at P&G India during the company's analyst call. The US-headquartered consumer goods giant now led by Mumbai-born Shailesh Jejurikar sells a range of products including Head & Shoulders shampoos, Whisper sanitary pads and Tide detergents in India. Volatility in crude oil prices driven by the West Asia war has led to a spike in costs of raw materials such as plastic by nearly 50%, translating into high costs of goods produced, executives at the Indian unit said. "But we are not out of stock. Our priority has been to procure supplies. Looking at the near-term, we anticipate some (overall) challenges to continue," said Srividya Srinivasan, incoming CFO at Procter & Gamble Hygiene and Health Care (PGHHCL). In its Q3FY26 global earnings announced in April, P&G had warned of a $1 billion post-tax hit to its fiscal 2027 profit from surging oil prices.

The war which dragged on for months choked energy flow and disrupted supply chains, stoking inflation and erasing gains from GST cuts. A host of FMCG companies have already taken at least one round of price hikes.

Even though the US and Iran are headed towards a formal signing of a peace deal this week, it needs to be seen if the pact lasts in the long-term.

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Yotta scales up AI bet with $6 bn expansion plan

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Bengaluru: Data centre and AI infrastructure provider Yotta Data Services plans to invest an additional $6 billion to expand its artificial intelligence infrastructure, significantly increasing its deployment of Nvidia GPUs as demand surges from both Indian and global customers.

The company, which had earlier announced plans to deploy 20,000 Nvidia Blackwell GPUs, has now raised that target to 30,000. Nvidia's Blackwell architecture is designed for accelerated AI training and inference workloads. Yotta will also bring in 8,000 Nvidia B200 GPUs over the next month and is evaluating the deployment of another 36,000-37,000 next-generation GB300 or Vera Rubin GPUs next year.

> **The demand has been so high, not only from Indian customers but also global customers, that we are extending the 20,000 GPUs to 30,000 GPUs**
> **SUNIL GUPTA**
> Yotta managing director and CEO

"The demand has been so high, not only from Indian customers but also global customers, that we are extending the 20,000 GPUs to 30,000 GPUs," Yotta managing director and CEO Sunil Gupta told TOI. According to Gupta, the initial deployment of 30,000 Blackwell GPUs will require investments of about $3 billion, while the proposed deployment of an additional 36,000 GPUs could cost another $4 billion. The 8,000 B200 GPUs represent a separate investment of around $600 million.

Yotta expects the first batch of 8,000 B200 GPUs to go live within a month. The initial 20,000 Blackwell GPUs are scheduled to become operational by September, while the additional 10,000 units are expected by November. The larger GB300 or Vera Rubin deployment is targeted for May next year. The expansion reflects India's growing ambition to emerge as a global AI compute hub as countries race to secure the advanced computing infrastructure needed to train and deploy AI models.

"India will have to become self-sufficient across the AI value chain. You cannot be dependent on a single company or a single country that can simply pull a kill switch," Gupta said.

While Yotta is not building foundation models, it aims to provide the infrastructure layer powering sovereign AI initiatives and global AI companies. The company operates a 2-gigawatt campus in Mumbai and a 250-megawatt facility in Delhi and currently supports several government workloads through National Informatics Centre data centres. Yotta is also increasingly serving overseas customers. About 75% of its order book now comes from international clients, with several US and European AI companies already using its GPU infrastructure for model training and deployment.

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"Is-se aap logon ko kya milta hai?" (What do you all get out of it?). That's what Delhi bureaucrats sometimes ask this group of people who are going around the world – from Brazil to Morocco and the Philippines – helping countries replicate the success of India's Aadhaar, UPI, and other digital public infrastructure (DPI). Many in this group, including those building and upgrading the open-source technology modules that go into DPI, are doing it pro bono. They are driven by a mission – to help lay the foundations for high-growth, equitable and inclusive societies. Many of them don't recognise it, but they are also helping build India's soft power, especially in the Global South.

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THEY'RE TAKING DPI TO THE WORLD

Sujit John & Supriya Roy | TNN

Morocco is a great football nation. It is the result of hard work!" Noureddine Boutayeb tells us about the country holding Brazil to a thrilling draw in the World Cup match on Saturday. Boutayeb himself has also been working really hard over the past decade to build digital public infrastructure (DPI) in Morocco. His journey began in 2017, when the country was creating a national population register for direct aid transfers and was looking closely at India's Aadhaar experience. Then the deputy interior minister, Boutayeb travelled with a Moroccan delegation to Delhi, and then to Bengaluru and Vijayawada, where he saw Aadhaar authentication work in poor rural telecom conditions. A household received rice after a quick fingerprint authentication. "What I wanted to do was already there in India, for a billion Indians," he says.

In Bengaluru, he met Nandan Nilekani, the founding chairman of UIDAI, which built Aadhaar. Aadhaar itself could not be shared, Nilekani told him, but its core ideas could be rebuilt as an open digital public good for the world. Morocco signed an MoU in 2018, becoming the first adopter of the open-source identity platform Mosip that Nilekani and team built. Today, the North African country has registered 22 million of its 39 million people in its national population register, and it's already being used to help 5 million eligible households access social programmes.

Years later, after retiring from govt and becoming president of an education foundation of the Moroccan king, Boutayeb returned to India. This time, inspired by another of Nilekani's open-source platforms, an education one called Sunbird that was being used by the Indian govt's Diksha programme, he signed up to build Maharat, an open-source platform to train Morocco's 26,000 preschool educators.

> We now know that digital technology is essential for progress for countries. And unlike India, many other countries may not have the capacity to actually make these things. We have a lot of learnings from our last 17 years. And many of those learnings are encapsulated in either methodologies or protocols or in software. So, if we can have a systematic way of harnessing this capability and take it global, then in some way that's India's contribution to the world. That's our thesis.
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> **Nandan Nilekani** | FOUNDING CHAIRMAN, UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY OF INDIA (UIDAI), AND CO-FOUNDER, INFOSYS

Morocco's project for preschool teacher training is the first major Sunbird implementation outside India. All of the about 25,000 teachers have been onboarded. Morocco was also one of the earliest adopters of the open-source digital identity solution Mosip. The roll-out is almost complete

Indian team has helped build a use case where a farmer in a remote part of the country was able to upload and verify documents digitally, establish eligibility, and obtain credit from a bank. Brazil now wants to scale this across the country. Brazil also wants the team to now work on an age-verification use case

This was Mosip's first brownfield identity project. The country had an earlier proprietary identity system from a European vendor, with around 23 million people enrolled. But the vendor charged for every use of the ID, and the data sat outside Uganda. Mosip helped Uganda migrate the data into an open system without changing ID numbers

About 45 million of its 135 million population have been enrolled in a Mosip-based identity platform. The country is also creating farmer IDs based on the national IDs, and OpenG2P is being used to build farmer registries. Separately, Voicera, an open-source language-AI application, is being tested for the language Amharic

Is in early stages of Mosip adoption. The identity object has more than 50 fields, unlike Aadhaar's smaller data set. The rollout will also require language localisation, likely across Sinhala, Tamil and English

Mosip has largely completed identity implementations, with about 95 million IDs done. The country uses the ID for bank account opening and telco SIM issuance. It also has a govt services app linked to the ID. Citizens can use it to access services such as property record downloads

160 PEOPLE work across Mosip, OpenG2P, CDPI and Coss

1,20,000 PERSON - HOURS of contribution has come from over 10 organisations, including Mindtree, Infosys and ThoughtWorks, to build Mosip

30 ACTIVE COUNTRY engagements in digital identity for Mosip, of which 14 are national rollouts. 195 million residents have received Mosip-based digital IDs

25 COUNTRIES have partnered with CDPI on technical architecture blueprints for DPI. Among these are Trinidad & Tobago, Colombia, Sao Tome and Principe, Peru, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Cambodia.

10 COUNTRIES have engagements with Coss, three of which are active implementations/ deployments, including Morocco, Brazil, and Ethiopia

FOUR CORE ORGANISATIONS

Mosip (Modular Open Source Identity Platform) | Open-source software framework to help govts build foundational digital identity systems

OpenG2P | Open-source software platform to help govts deliver social benefits directly to citizens

CDPI (Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI) | Provides pro bono technical architecture advisory to help countries design and implement their own DPI

Coss (Centre for Open Societal Systems) | Non-profit that helps govs design, implement, and scale DPI using open-source digital public goods (DPGs)

> Africa can benefit from what India is doing in a sovereign manner with DPI. We have the same problems as India. Look how America has stopped Anthropic's Fable 5. We can't trust developed countries any more. India took the clever way, by pushing open source. Developing countries can work together to put all our good source codes in DPG (digital public goods), and use it to go faster. The first version of Maharat (education platform in Morocco built with India's help), we put on GitHub for other people to use. It's in a way soft power for us, since Maharat is a Moroccan-Indian solution.
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> **Noureddine Boutayeb** | PRESIDENT, FMPS (KING'S FOUNDATION), AND FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, MOROCCO

> Even in 2009, Nandan (Nilekani) had a vision of a bunch of things that would happen on top of identity, what would later become IndiaStack. After his term at UIDAI, he tried the political route to continue the journey of transformation. When that political door closed, we wondered if there was a philanthropic civil-society-led journey where we could apply those early ideas, take up another very big problem. We called back some of the old Aadhaar veterans like Pramod Varma. And we founded EkStep, with the idea of improving learning outcomes.
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> We created an education technology platform, but by early 2017, we realised there was no way we would even reach 200 million children on our own. In education, it's not just about technology. It's about distribution and trust. Partnerships were the only way. So we converted the platform into a fully open-source public good called Sunbird. And we used it to help the govt create Diksha, or Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing. Diksha allowed state boards to add QR codes into textbooks, and link these to trusted digital content created or curated by the state authorities for children to learn using any mobile phone. Diksha also enabled digital teacher training.
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> Many countries later reached out after seeing Sunbird and India's DPI work. Since going global was beyond EkStep's scope, COSS (Centre for Open Societal Systems) was created to help other countries adopt mature Sunbird building blocks.
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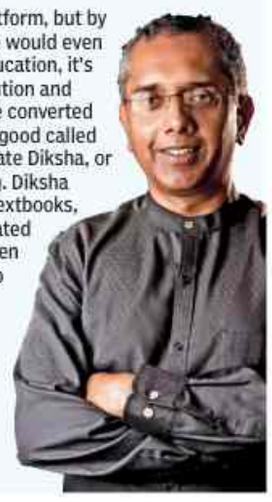
> **Shankar Maruwada** | CO-FOUNDER & CEO, EKSTEP



A New Approach

When Nilekani joined the govt in 2009 to build Aadhaar, the task was domestic and daunting: give every resident a digital identity that could work at India's scale. Years later, that experience has turned into one of India's most unusual exports. Not a product. Not a service contract. But a way of thinking about digital transformation.

Nilekani, S Rajagopalan, professor at IIIT-Bangalore, and Pramod Varma, mathematician-turned-computer scientist and one of the principal architects of Aadhaar, UPI, eSign and DigiLocker, are among those leading the initiative to take India's DPI experience to the world. Their bet is, countries that want inclusive growth, better service delivery and digital markets need low-cost, interoperable public rails on which private innovation can flourish. It's similar to roads, which form a physical network essential for people to connect with each other and access a huge range of goods and services.

"Over the years, it became clear that many of India's learnings were globally applicable," Nilekani says. "Around the world people want to use digital transformation to change their societies. And you need to have a way of doing it which is low cost, high performance, and manage even small transactions." Western models that depend on private enterprise and proprietary models were seen as prohibitive.

The govt-driven Indian model is now familiar. Aadhaar gave more than 1.3 billion people a digital identity. That enabled eKYC, bank accounts, mobile connections, Aadhaar-enabled payments and direct benefit transfers. UPI now does 23 billion transactions a month. DigiLocker allows 500 million people to store documents digitally. eSign lets individuals sign documents using Aadhaar-based authentication.

Demand for digital identity

The international push began with identity. Rajagopalan says Mosip (Modular Open Source Identity Platform) was launched in 2018 after several countries asked for help in building digital identity systems. A digital identity was seen as essential for many of UN's sustainable development goals, and World Bank was ready to fund these initiatives. Many countries initially tried the conventional route: write requirements, issue tenders, pick a vendor and buy a proprietary solution. That often led to vendor lock-in, high costs and limited govt control over citizen data.

"Most of the nearly 20 countries that attempted this ended in lots of trouble," Rajagopalan says. "The vendor would say, I'll give you identity, per identity, so many dollars."

That's when World Bank contacted iSpirt (Indian Software Product Industry Roundtable), a non-profit, volunteer-driven think tank that has helped build India's DPI. And iSpirt turned to Nilekani. The govt's stance was that Aadhaar is proprietary and a strategic asset of India. That, together with requests from Morocco and Philippines, prompted Nilekani to suggest a free, open-source identity platform that could learn from Aadhaar as well as global experiences, with stronger privacy, security and standards compliance.

"I recollect Sanjay Anandaram of iSpirt meeting me and S Sadagopan (then IIIT director) in 2017 to request us to take up this project. We were surprised, we said we would try. Sadagopan said it's a complex system, and asked me to lead it," Rajagopalan says.

Tata Trusts, Gates Foundation, Omidyar Network and Norad (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) came forward to fund it. Rajagopalan and Varma planned the project. Morocco provided the requirements for the software, some 300 features. IT services company Mindtree assigned 110 developers to do coding and testing. Infosys, Thoughtworks and NSDL (National Securities Depository Ltd) also provided engineers. "Mosip has 2 million lines of code today, and 20% of that was done pro bono," Rajagopalan says.

By 2021, Morocco and Philippines had started using Mosip. Today, Mosip has 30 active country engagements, of which 14 are national rollouts.

G20 Boost

India's presidency of G20 in 2022-23 was an inflexion point. "G20 made this one of the tracks and coined the term DPI," says Varma. "Till then we didn't even call it that. We called it IndiaStack. But, obviously, other countries would not want it if it was called IndiaStack. Everyone agreed on DPI."

One of the highlights of India's presidency was the G20 Task Force on DPI, co-chaired by Nilekani and Amitabh Kant, former CEO of Niti Aayog. The task force report, Nilekani says, laid the intellectual framework for DPI. Through case studies, it highlighted its cost-effectiveness, expansion of markets, and massive reduction in leakages for govt benefit transfers. And it outlined a plug-and-play architectural blueprint to help nations deploy scalable, interoperable systems.

Since then, three other organisations have come up, all under IIIT-Bangalore, and funded by the Nilekanis and a host of others. One is Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI), whose purpose was to ensure countries don't build siloed systems – like India did in its early decades of computerisation, by digitising railway reservations, airline reservations, bus reservations, banking, insurance and healthcare separately, with little reuse and limited interoperability.

> Our role in CDPI is to take our counterpart in a country from, "I'd like to see (DPI) impact in my country, and here are my challenges," to understanding what infrastructure already exists, and how to build on it given the political circumstances, leadership, champions, open-source tools and ecosystem partners. We help them write internal strategy documents and craft the execution journey. We frame ourselves not as an Indian nonprofit, but as a global technology architecture boutique, with staff in Argentina, Madrid, Nairobi, Ghana and Bengaluru. It is not about taking something from India and copy-pasting it elsewhere. It is about learning across countries and identifying sensible, low-cost investments that create huge multiplier effects.
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> **Kameshwari (Kamya) Chandra** | CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CENTRE FOR DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (CDPI)

Tangram model

CDPI's new conceptual model, Rajagopalan says, is the tangram, the Chinese puzzle in which seven shapes can be rearranged to create many figures. DPI was imagined similarly. Most digital governance systems need a few basic building blocks: identity, payments, credentials (our documents), consented data exchange, and contracts (because many services involve discovery, fulfilment and dispute settlement).

"We said, why don't we help govts imagine their digital governance in this form," Rajagopalan says. "Talk to them, train them, show them use cases so that they don't have to go through the siloed ways in which India or US or others have done."

Kamya Chandra, co-founder of CDPI, says the organisation is today working with 60-70 countries.

Another organisation is OpenG2P (or open govt-to-people platform), which supports govts to use their identity systems to provide benefits and services.

And in May 2024, Centre for Open Societal Systems (Coss) was created to take open-source assets such as Mosip, Sunbird, Inji (a decentralised verifiable credentialing solution) and other DPI building blocks into complete solutions. Rajagopalan says many countries do not have enough technical capacity even when they understand the architecture. Skilled engineers migrate quickly from places such as Fiji and Morocco, leaving govts with thin execution teams.

While India may be leading the global DPI movement, Nilekani's teams emphasise they are part of a global ecosystem. India, Varma says, did not invent every component of the technology stacks. Estonia had digital identity. Brazil has Pix, which resembles UPI. Thailand, Singapore and China have digital payments. Many of them are contributing too. Rohit Ranjan Rai, consultant with Mosip, says other countries using Mosip are now contributing code back to the platform. But India's distinction compared to other countries, Varma says, is the breadth of DPI implementation – across identity, payments, credentials, education, health, agriculture and green financing. And it's moving faster.

Towards AI

Today, Morocco's Boutayeb is delighted with the effort of people like MC Ramesh, a former senior Dell and Akamai executive who was CEO of Coss during its first two years. "He and his team did a great job. Even helped us with financing."

Boutayeb is now looking to see what India is doing with artificial intelligence (AI). And that's indeed what Kamya and team are increasingly focusing on. DPI is foundational to AI, but govts also now need to showcase some powerful AI-based innovations to their voters. CDPI, along with others, Kamya says, is helping them think through this.

In doing so, they are also indisputably helping build India's soft power across the world.

> We leave it to sovereign decisions when it comes to technology adoption. Some countries experiment with, say, Mosip (open-source identity platform) and then decide to roll it out nationally. They write an RFP, float a tender, and specify that Mosip has to be used as the software platform, and the vendor must be Mosip-certified or empanelled. That happened in Morocco, Philippines, Uganda and many other places. The system integrators (SIs) compete, customise the system locally, and we provide L3 support. Customisation includes language. Morocco needs French and Arabic, Ethiopia English and Amharic, Sri Lanka Tamil, Sinhala and English. The data collected also varies. Aadhaar has about six fields, but some countries collect 50 or 60, including family ID, marital status or blood group. If issues arise, SIs raise them on a 24/7 Slack channel. We change code, test it, send patches and train them. Some countries, like Ethiopia, work directly with us, without an SI.
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> **S Rajagopalan** | PRESIDENT, MOSIP, OPENG2P, CDPI & COSS, AND PROFESSOR, IIIT-BANGALORE

> The idea of DPI has been pushed by India, and we emphasised that during our G20 presidency. It is today well accepted. And it was very evident in Cairo (Global DPI Summit in Cairo, Egypt, in October 2024) that DPI is here to stay – 101 countries, 700 plus delegations participating, all talking about DPI. Like yoga, the idea came out of India and it's sticking. Second is, we have put together open-source technologies like Mosip, Sunbird. And many countries are leveraging those. So, it's gone beyond the idea of DPI, to the actual use of the software too.
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System integrators

System integrators are companies or professionals who bring together different technologies, software, hardware, and services so they work as one complete system. Businesses often use products from different suppliers, and these parts may not naturally connect with each other. A system integrator designs, installs, tests, and manages the connections between them. Their goal is to make operations smoother, improve efficiency, and reduce technical problems.

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CABO VERDE COACH

Superheroes don't wear capes, just Verdean colours

By Holding Off Pedri's Spain, Modest Debutants May Have Served Up Shock Of This World Cup

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Vozinha and Rafael Nadal share a birthday — June 3, 1986. While Nadal has already drawn curtains on one of the greatest careers in sport, at 40 years and 13 days, Vozhina was making his international debut against Spain at the World Cup on Monday. Pitted against the 2010 champions, current tournament favourites and -1500 to win the opener, the goalkeeper fended off seven goalbound shots, to help Cabo Verde secure a stunning 0-0 draw.

At 40, when most sportspersons walk into the sunset, Vozinha — 'little voice' in Portuguese — was busy writing the prologue of a Netflix series-worthy sporting chapter on a day in the World Cup when the underdogs stood up against the game's elite and just wouldn't be barked down.

All four matches played on Monday ended in draws. It was the most in a single day of the World Cup since 1958 (one which launched a 17-year-old called Pele), but all of them could be considered upsets.

In the biggest 'upset', Cabo Verde, ranked No. 67 held off No. 2 Spain. "The draw involving Spain may be the biggest surprise in this World Cup," Georgios Donis, coach of Saudi Arabia would say later. Donis would know. Because, also on Monday, No. 61 Saudi Arabia would hold No. 16 Uruguay 1-1, as would New Zealand, the lowest-ranked team at the World Cup at No. 85 would hold No. 20 Iran 2-2, and No. 29 Egypt draw No. 9 Belgium 1-1. But also, that four years ago, the Saudis would cause the biggest tremor of all World Cups with a 2-1 shocker of Messi's Argentina, setting a high, high bar for all upsets since.

Cabo Verde would run that mantle close, against a technically rich, tactically abundant Spanish side. "It means everything," Cabo Verde's coach, simply Bubista to everyone, would say, knowing what the result meant in the grand scheme of the World Cup, but more importantly to themselves in tiny Cabo Verde.

Here's why. Vozinha's teammate Ianique 'Stopira' Tavares came out of retirement to send his country to their first-ever World Cup. Roberto 'Pico' Lopes, a former banker in Dublin was so bored of his day job that he seized upon the opportunity of playing for Cabo Verde after receiving a message on his LinkedIn profile – after ignoring the first invite a year prior, which he initially thought was spam.

This sums up the team's motley mix and caps the incredible story of the World Cup first-timers, a country of 10 volcanic islands off Senegal's coast in west Africa, boasting a population of around 525,000, which was a Portuguese colony until 1975.

A series of crippling droughts and limited economic opportunities compelled a generation of Cabo Verdeans to seek better lives abroad. With dwindling resources and a limited population pool, the Cabo Verdean Football Federation embarked on an elaborate plan more than a decade ago to reconnect with players of the country's heritage scattered across the US, Canada, and Europe. Pico was one such remarkable pick – a footballer recruited off LinkedIn.

Under Bubitsa, or Pedro Leitao Brito, this team achieved their biggest strength: unity. "Our best weapon is our unity. The way we treat our family is our best strength. Everyone thought we came here just to enjoy the World Cup. But we came to compete and fight," he said, a reminder of more to come.

AP

NO WAY: Cabo Verde goalkeeper Vozinha (right) denies a goalbound attempt by Spain's Ferran Torres during their match in Atlanta on Monday

WHEN CABO VERDE DEFIED LOGIC...

Nobody gave Cabo Verde a shot. In 25,000 pre-match simulations of this bout run by the Opta supercomputer, Spain were victorious 87.2% of the time. Cabo Verde got a draw just 8.1% of the time. But against the odds, the minnows shut their frustrated opponents out to earn a truly remarkable and genuinely historic goalless draw. Ultimately the net didn't ripple once, a herculean defensive performance and some superb saves from 40-year-old Vozinha secured Bubista's boys a sport-shaking point.

The 40-year-old wall: Cabo Verde goalkeeper Vozinha made 7 stellar saves to completely shut down the reigning European Champions, meaning that, at 40 years and 12 days old, he became the third-oldest goalkeeper to keep a clean sheet in a World Cup match, after Peter Shilton (40 years, 281 days) and Dino Zoff (40 years, 130 days).

Defensive discipline: Cabo Verde were penalised for only 1 foul during the 90 minutes, setting a remarkably clean defensive record.

Possession without penetration: Spain completed 593 passes in the attacking half compared to Cabo Verde's 22, yet failed to score.

30 minutes of invisibility: Spain's Oyarzabal became the first player on record since 1966 to go the opening 30 minutes of a FIFA World Cup match without touching the ball.

The sentinels: Cabo Verde's defenders were magnificent. Borges made a match-high five tackles; his central-defensive partner Pico Lopes led the game for clearances, with 11.

DREAMS COME TRUE: Cabo Verdean fans rejoice in Praia

In tiny Cabo, fans revel in 'surprise'

Praia: Fans in Cabo Verde were celebrating late into the night after their historic World Cup debut. In the capital, Praia, fans crowded watch parties and major roads, singing and dancing as they celebrated the improbable draw against Spain.

Tears ran down faces as people hugged each other tightly and climbed poles to catch a glimpse of the spectacle across the city.

"I didn't expect us to be holding our own in such a highly contested and difficult match," William Gomes, a fan in Praia, said.

"Cabo Verde is only a small country, but today it feels great and important. I don't even have enough words to express what we're feeling," said Vladimir Garcia, a Praia resident.

Ahead of the fixture, the government of Cabo Verde declared a half-day off on Monday to enable people to support the national team.

"If today, 50 years later, we are at the World Cup, we have already proven that we are a viable nation," Cabo Verde's president José Maria Neves said on social media, referring to when the country gained its independence from Portugal, "More than celebrating the past, we must reimagine the future and believe that it is possible to build, in all areas of our lives, over next 50 years, a prosperous country with opportunities for all," he added.

Indian-origin player hits the big league

After Dutchman Winter in 1994, NZ's Sarpreet is first from region to start a World Cup game

New Delhi: New Zealand attacking midfielder Sarpreet Singh became the first footballer of Indian origin to start a World Cup match in his team's 2-2 draw against Iran in their group match in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Born in Auckland to Punjabi parents, the 27-year-old Sarpreet made his World Cup debut in the politically-charged match and had a few attempts at the Iranian goal. He was named in the starting XI by head coach Darren Bazeley and played almost the whole match, substituted only in the 90th minute.

New Zealand coach Bazeley kept faith on Sarpreet till the end as Iran came back twice from a goal down to play out a 2-2 draw. Wearing No. 10 jersey, Sarpreet had three shots at the Iranian goal, including one in the 61st minute which, however, could not beat the Iran goalkeeper.

He operated in the middle of the park in New Zealand's 4-2-3-1 formation.

New Zealand face Egypt in their second Group G match on June 21 in Vancouver. PTI

ASIAN TOUCH: Sarpreet vies with Iran's Ezatolahi

IRAN 2
Ramin 32, Mohebi 64

NEW ZEALAND 2
Just 7, 55

'Baron' Gustaf is a born defender too

Monterrey: Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are among the soccer royalty gracing the World Cup in North America. If you want real-life aristocracy, head to Sweden's squad.

Gustaf Lagerbielke, a 26-year-old defender who played the entire match in Sweden's 5-1 defeat of Tunisia on Sunday, is a baron from a noble family in Sweden. His father and grandfather are counts. Soccer players typically come from modest backgrounds — take Messi and Ronaldo, for example. Not Lagerbielke. "I mean, it's rare," he said in an interview ahead of the World Cup.

Lagerbielke grew up in Djursholm, a wealthy suburb in the Swedish capital, Stockholm. When he played soccer as a kid, he says he had the family's coat of arms on his shin pads. "When I was kid, I wanted to become a professional footballer," Lagerbielke said after Sunday's match in Monterrey. "They have taught me goals. They are very happy for me and very proud."

GUSTAF LAGERBIELKE

Lagerbielke's heritage has been a talking point throughout a career that has taken him from Sweden (AIK, Sollentuna, Vasteras, Elfsborg and Degerfors) to Scotland (Celtic) and now Portugal.

Sections of the British media reported he was 254th in line to the Swedish throne, though Lagerbielke said "I don't know if it's true." For now, Lagerbielke just wants to help Sweden become the king of soccer at the World Cup. AP

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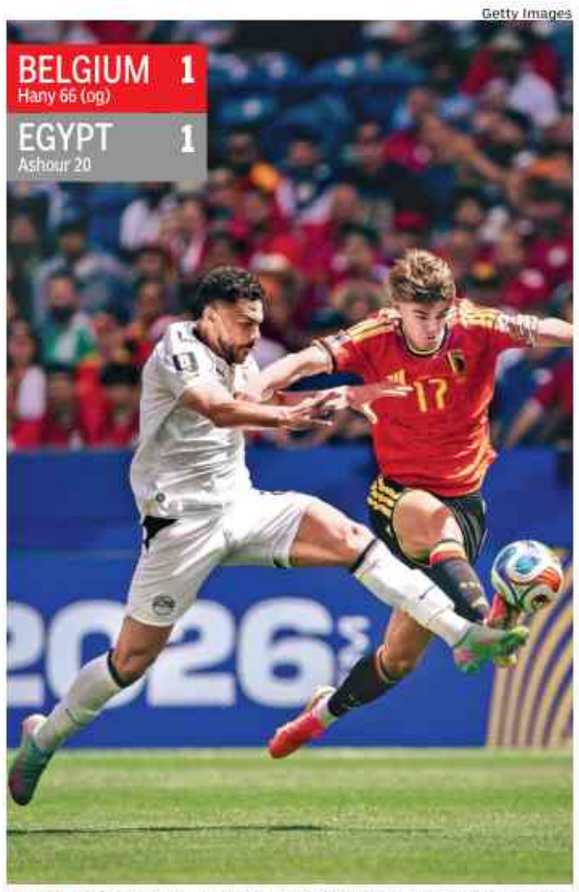

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FLYERS: Belgium's De Ketelaere (right) duels with Egypt's Ibrahim

Belgium off to an unimpressive start

Seattle: Seeking to avoid a repeat of its early World Cup exit in 2022, Belgium got off to an unimpressive start.

Romelu Lukaku entered in the 66th minute against Egypt on Monday and the veteran striker immediately created a scoring chance that led to an equalizing own goal, but that was all Belgium could manage in a 1-1 draw. "No game's an easy game in the World Cup," coach Rudi Garcia said.

Perhaps not, but Belgium was expected to handle an Egypt squad that has never won a World Cup game. Instead, the Red Devils were outmaneuvered in the first half, with the speed of Egypt's younger players making the Pharaohs the aggressors.

"We know that we had a bad start in the match," captain Youri Tielemans said.

Now the question becomes whether Belgium can make one last World Cup run with the remaining veterans from its "Golden Generation" of stars — including the 33-year-old Lukaku and two 34-year-olds in Kevin De Bruyne and goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

Belgium held the top spot in the FIFA rankings for several years and had its best World Cup performance when it finished third in Russia in 2018.

But the team fizzled four years later in Qatar, failing to advance to the knockout round.

Since the FIFA rankings were introduced in 1992, Belgium and the Netherlands are the only teams without a World Cup title to hold the top spot.

The Red Devils entered this year's World Cup ranked 10th, by far the best in Group G, which also includes Iran (25th), Egypt (29th) and New Zealand (79th). Lukaku, Belgium's goals leader, is recovering from a hamstring injury. Belgium tied the game immediately after he came on as a sub.

"He's a target man," Tielemans said. "He needs to build up his fitness. But he helps us in this way." AGENCIES

Uruguay's draw leaves Bielsa majorly miffed

Miami: Maxi Araujo finally gave the crowd of mostly Uruguay fans in South Florida something to cheer about with his tying goal late in Monday's World Cup opener against Saudi Arabia.

SAUDI ARABIA 1
Al-Amri 41

URUGUAY 1
Araujo 80

La Celeste salvaged a point, but they were not thrilled with the result. "We gave it away. We have to be honest," midfielder Federico Valverde said in Spanish after his side played to a 1-1 draw.

Abdulelah Al-Amri scored on a rebound in the 41st minute for Saudi Arabia, and Araujo got the equalizer in the 80th, firing a rebound past goalkeeper Mohammed Al-Owais from close range.

Uruguay coach Marcelo Bielsa was involved in an awkward exchange with a reporter which concluded with the Uruguay coach saying: "I'm not a model."

The 70-year-old Argentine was miffed after a journalist asked him about an official FIFA portrait following his side's disappointing 1-1 draw with Saudi Arabia in the Miami heat. The colourful Bielsa — nicknamed "El Loco" (mad man) — was asked why he was looking downwards in the promotional video rather than straight into the lens. There have been suggestions it might be some kind of protest.

"I don't have to give any explanation, the picture was taken the way it was taken," Bielsa fired back.

"I'm not a model."

Rather than leave it there, Bielsa continued: "No, no, I have no answer for that.

Bielsa was then asked a different question, but he refused to let it go.

"There is a limit in terms of what we need to explain," he told his post-match press conference. AGENCIES

WHAT THE... Merlin, a pet duck in Mexico, has become a fan favourite

MOVE OVER DONALD! A DUCK IS THE CUP'S TRUE MASCOT

Mexico City: Julian Quinones and Raul Jimenez may have scored the goals, but a duck stole the show. As Mexico celebrated their World Cup-opening victory over South Africa on Thursday, Merlin, a two-year-old duck dressed in El Tri colours, became an unlikely Internet sensation and the tournament's first unofficial mascot.

Images of Merlin waddling through Mexico City, wearing a Mexican national team jersey — and socks — as thousands of fans celebrated, quickly went viral, racking up millions of views across social media.

Overnight, and as if by the magic of the famous wizard who inspired his name, Merlin had captivated the internet.

"We want to see Merlin in the stadium," one user wrote. "This duck is already a national treasure," said another. "The best thing about the World Cup so far," declared a third.

In Mexico City, however, Merlin was already something of a local celebrity.

A familiar sight at fairs and events in the historic city centre, the duck regularly accompanies his owner, Carla Gomez, who sells water and soft drinks from a little cart each weekend. Along the way, the animal attracts plenty of delighted squeals, affectionate greetings and eager requests from passersby for a photo together.

'The World Cup is a disaster for us. We don't want to make excuses, it's not a fair competition'

Taremi Minces No Words After Infantino Visits Iran Dressing Room, Offers Encouragement

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Applause for Iran's tenacity had barely faded before Team Melli's players found themselves in a different scramble altogether: a frantic dash to the airport.

Iran's head coach, Amir Ghalenoei, did not mince words after the match, revealing that instead of spending the night in LA recovering, his squad was instructed to board a flight back to their base camp in Tijuana, Mexico, immediately after the final whistle. "They didn't even give us time to recover. After the game today, they told us to leave immediately," he said. Lamented striker Mehdi Taremi. "The World Cup is a disaster for us. We don't want to make excuses, but it's not a fair competition."

In most World Cups, footballers cool down with ice baths and tactical briefings. Iran's recovery programme apparently consists of locating passports, removing belts for security checks, and wondering whether their carry-on luggage exceeds the permitted weight. The pre-game warm-up, someone joked, did not consist of tactical drills or hamstring stretches, but rather a three-hour seminar on how to maintain composure while US agents scrutinise biometric data. The sheer psychological stress of navigating US immigration twice in 24 hours made a high-press defensive line from New Zealand look like a casual Sunday stroll.

Yet if the journey was exhausting, the match itself was enthralling. Played in LA, home to one of the world's largest Persian diasporas, the game unfolded against a politically charged backdrop. Some Iranian supporters waved the pre-revolutionary Lion and Sun flag associated with opponents of the current regime. Others backed Team Melli unreservedly.

There were reports of flags being confiscated, fans sewing together different pieces of the banned emblem inside the stadium, and emotional confrontations in the stands. Iran's national anthem at the start of the game was met by both jeers and cheers.

In a striking irony, the match took place shortly after the US and Iran had emerged from direct military confrontation. Yet on American soil, Iranians criticised their own government freely, monarchists unfurled forbidden symbols with remarkable ingenuity, and the Iranian team itself, seeking to rise above politics, received affection from tens of thousands of spectators.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino, a Trump acolyte, visited Iran's dressing room after the game to offer words of comfort and encouragement. "You are writing history and the whole world is watching you," he told the players. "You are stronger than anything." Kind words, although players may have preferred confirmation that they could spend the night in Los Angeles.

Unsurprisingly, the Iranian delegation reserved their highest praise not for FIFA or Washington, but for Mexico. Team officials lauded the Mexican government for protecting and accommodating them, its hospitality a sharp contrast to the US which is being accused of acting less like a festive host and more like an overly paranoid bouncer at an exclusive nightclub.

Several other teams have been at the receiving end. Videos circulated showing Senegalese players being individually searched upon arrival in the US, generating accusations online of discriminatory treatment compared with European teams. The absolute zenith of this bureaucratic dysfunction was reached when a Somali referee, officially appointed by FIFA to officiate matches, was flatly denied entry into the U.S and summarily sent back on the next available flight. Last heard, he was blowing the political whistle in Mogadishu.

This grim, fortress-like impression is further compounded by the sight of swathes of empty seats in several iconic stadiums. American organisers, miscalculating the intersection of public enthusiasm and rampant capitalism, priced tickets well out of the reach of ordinary working fans. FIFA promised a festival of global unity; occasionally it has resembled an exclusive Broadway production where the cheapest seats cost more than a month's wages in some countries.

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TAKE THAT! Despite the odds, Iran held off New Zealand, with Mohebbi (8) scoring the equaliser. (Right) The Iran team before start of play

ENGLAND'S TOUGH ASK

Up Against Modric's Croatia, Coach Tuchel Is Hoping Three Lions Can Replicate Their Perfect Qualification Form

Reuters
CLOSE CONTROL: Harry Kane with teammates during training

Kansas City: England begin their World Cup campaign against Croatia in Arlington, Texas on Thursday, a heavyweight Group L opener that could set the tone for both teams' tournament ambitions.

With Ghana and Panama also in the group, the early meeting between its two standout sides carries immediate significance. Victory would hand the winner control from the outset, while defeat risks placing early pressure on qualification hopes. The fixture also arrives with a familiar narrative.

Croatia's extra-time victory over England in the 2018 semifinals remains a defining moment in recent tournament history, and although both squads have evolved, the psychological edge of that night still lingers.

2 This is the second WC meeting between the two sides, following the 2018 semifinal in which Croatia prevailed 2-1 after extra time.

England have cruised through qualifying with a perfect record and no goals conceded.

Under Thomas Tuchel, they appear more structured and tactically disciplined, built around a core that includes Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham and Bukayo Saka.

Midfielder Jordan Henderson believes the team's strength lies beyond individual quality. Asked what makes this group special, Henderson, who turns 36 on the day of the game, said, "Being together, of course, because there will be tough moments in tournaments, especially in the World Cup. It's never going to go your way all the time. There's going to be tough moments where you have to dig in, and the closer you are together as a group, the easier that'll be.

"I feel like we're in a good place. It's just about getting that first game going and for us it's about showing everyone in the world how good we can be," Henderson added.

Tuchel's main dilemmas centre on selection rather than fitness, with competition for places in midfield, defence and the No. 10 role where Jude Bellingham and Morgan Rogers are vying for the position underlining the depth at his disposal ahead of the opener.

Croatia, however, remain one of international football's most resilient tournament teams. Unbeaten in qualifying — they dropped points in a draw with the Czech Republic — and built around the enduring presence of 40-year-old Luka Modric, they combine experience with tactical discipline and are rarely overawed on the big stage.

The midfield battle is likely to be decisive. England's high-energy pressing game will look to disrupt Croatia's rhythm, while Modric, who is making his fifth and likely final World Cup appearance, and Mateo Kovacic will aim to control possession and slow the tempo.

For England, the opener offers a chance to underline their status as contenders. For Croatia, it is another opportunity to defy expectations. For both, it is a first test that could resonate far beyond the opening 90 minutes. England winger Bukayo Saka said he was willing to risk his fitness and play through the pain for Thomas Tuchel's team at the World Cup, insisting he was fit to feature against Croatia on Wednesday despite an Achilles issue.

The Arsenal winger had his workload carefully managed towards the end of the season, starting one game in almost a month, and admitted he has not felt at full sharpness. AGENCIES

INJURY FORCES LATE CHANGE
England full back Tino Livramento was ruled out of the World Cup on Tuesday because of a calf injury, forcing coach Thomas Tuchel into a late squad change ahead of his team's opening game.

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World Cup 2026 (Group L)

World Cup appearances
England: **17th** | Croatia: **7th**

Best Finish
England: **Winners (1966)**
Croatia: **Runners-Up (2018)**

Consecutive World Cup appearances
England: **8th in a row**
Croatia: **Sixth in a row**

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Austria coach Rangnick wary of Jordan threat

Santa Clara: Austria coach Ralf Rangnick is wary that his team could become the latest European nation to be thwarted by sides from the Asian confederation at the World Cup if they fail to bring their best against debutants Jordan on Wednesday.

"We have seen many surprises during this World Cup," Rangnick said on Monday at the San Francisco Bay Area Stadium where they face Jordan in their Group J opener.

AUSTRIA VS JORDAN
9:30 am (Wed) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

"If you looked at the matches and the outcomes, we had 12 draws and only six victories. There was no South American team that won.

"This is not going to be a walkover. The opponent will try to lure you in, absorb the pressure and then they will try to use the open space for their counter-attacks. This is what we expect from them tomorrow."

Austria will end a 28-year absence from the global showpiece against Jordan, two years after an encouraging run at Euro 2024 where they topped their group before losing to Turkey in the last 16. Starting well may prove critical if they are to advance from a tough group that also features Algeria and champions Argentina. AFP

SHORT PASSES

CUP OF JOY: Belgium supporters at a fan zone in Brussels

NETHERLANDS CAPTAIN VIRGIL VAN DIJK CRITICIZES HYDRATION BREAKS

Seattle: FIFA's installation of mandatory hydration breaks at every match hasn't been controversy free. On Monday, Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk offered his honest assessment and it was less than positive. "Hydration breaks are interesting," van Dijk said. "Every time going to commercial is a bit... not really that I like it. I think for the neutral watchers on TV it's also not great."

The practice of mandating water stops for games being played indoors, where temperatures are regulated, has drawn some criticism elsewhere, as has the breaks' usefulness for running advertisements during broadcasts. That hydration stoppage came despite the game being played in a domed stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Shock World Cup call for Renard to coach a Tunisia in turmoil

New York: It seems no World Cup is complete without **Herve Renard** and suddenly, somehow, surprisingly he will also be at this one. The suntanned Frenchman in the trademark open-necked white shirt was hired to coach Tunisia on Tuesday for their final two group games following turmoil. Tunisia fired coach Sabri Lamouchi on Tuesday. So here comes Herve for his third straight men's World Cup with a third different team. In between times, he also took France to the 2023 Women's World Cup.

Portugal ready for Ronaldo swansong

Houston: Portugal's latest bid for World Cup glory begins in Houston on Wednesday when they take on the Democratic Republic of Congo in a Group K clash against a side appearing at their first global finals in 52 years. DR Congo played as Zaire when they took part in the 1974 World Cup but lost all three games, conceded 14 goals and scored none. They are unlikely to be so poor again. Portugal have 41-year-old **Cristiano Ronaldo** aiming to win one of the last remaining pieces of major silverware to have eluded him in his illustrious career. They exited in the quarterfinals at the hands of another African side, Morocco, at the 2022 finals, while their best finish is third in 1966. A positive start is important in a pool that also contains Colombia and Uzbekistan. They have lost only two of their last 15 World Cup group-stage matches, but one of those was to South Korea in 2022.

"We know the World Cup is a fast competition," Portugal defender Matheus Nunes said. "There are only eight games and when we play against all these national teams, I think they all have a lot of quality nowadays.

Portugal defender Ruben Dias trained separately from the rest of the squad on Monday for undisclosed reasons. Portugal are unbeaten in their last five World Cup group-stage matches against African opponents, recording four wins and a draw since a 3-1 loss to Morocco in 1986. DRC have had a disrupted build-up to the tournament due to the Ebola virus outbreak back home. The majority of their players are based in Europe and none play for clubs in the DRC, but were subjected to a 21-day stay in camp in Belgium and Spain before being allowed to enter the United States. They have since been well received in Houston and have looked relaxed and ready for the tournament.

Coach Sebastien Desabre said, "We had to focus as we have had to adapt. We worked well, we played two tough friendlies. Now, it is another step for us. It is up to us to put up a good showing in this tournament." REUTERS

PORTUGAL VS CONGO
FIFA World Cup 2026 (Group K)

FIFA World Cup appearances
Portugal: **9th** | Congo: **2nd**

Best Finish
Portugal: **3rd (1966)**
Congo: **Gr stage (in 1974 as Zaire)**

Consecutive World Cup appearances
Portugal: **7th in a row**
Congo: **First since 1974**

10:30 pm (Wed) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Germany yet to face real test: Kimmich

Winston-Salem (North Carolina): Germany's seven-goal rout of Curacao for their World Cup opener has triggered a wave of enthusiasm among success-starved fans, but captain **Joshua Kimmich** said on Tuesday the team needed their next two group matches to see exactly where they stand. They play Ivory Coast, also on three points following their 1-0 win over Ecuador on Saturday before completing their group matches against Ecuador next week.

"It was an expected win for us but the way it happened was very dominant," Kimmich said on Tuesday. Germany are now on a 10-game winning streak but Kimmich said the team would have a much better picture of their chances in the tournament after the group stage.

"Both teams (Ivory Coast and Ecuador) are physically very strong and they can deal well with the conditions," Kimmich said.

"We played the first game against an opponent who is certainly not world class. Now come some challenges where we can see where we stand. We have great qualities to hurt opponents. We need to work on stability, reduce the goals we concede, even against a small opponent."

To make any impact at the World Cup, Kimmich warned they needed to be more consistent in their game.

Former Germany coach Joachim Loew told a sports show back in Germany that while the team had a lot of quality, it was still lacking the necessary stability to win the title. "Let's play the next two matches and then all the experts can better evaluate where we stand," Kimmich said. REUTERS

SNAP SHOTS

ZVEREV ADVANCES

Top seed Alexander Zverev battled past Czech qualifier Vit Kopriva to reach the second round at the Halle Open, while the defending champion Alexander Bublik suffered a shock early exit on Tuesday. The German won 6-3 4-6 6-2. Italian qualifier Mattia Bellucci defeated Bublik 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Halambage, Dickwella sanctioned: Sri Lankan cricketer Vishen Halambage and wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella have been sanctioned on separate counts by the SLC-appointed match referee Pradeep Jeyapragash, due to their conduct during the tri-nation A series game against India.

Amorim named Milan manager: Ruben Amorim was appointed AC Milan manager on Tuesday. The 41-year-old replaces Massimiliano Allegri who was sacked after a fifth-place finish last season.

Fouaad in India squad: Fouaad Mirza will compete in the three-day event at the Asian Games as the Indian squads for three equestrian disciplines were announced on Tuesday by the ad-hoc committee for Equestrian Federation of India. Also in the squad were Ashish Limaye, Maryk Sahney and Yashaan Khambatta.

Serena to play doubles with Venus: Serena Williams will play at Wimbledon for the first time since 2022 after the American legend was given a wildcard to play the doubles event with her sister Venus on Tuesday.

China edge out India: Former champions India suffered a narrow defeat to China 'B' in their opening match of the World Team Snooker Championship in Guangdong, China, on Tuesday.
Result: Group 'B': China 'B' bt India 3-2 (Ma Hailong lost to Aditya Mehta 18-94 (54); Zhou Jinhao bt Pankaj Advani 76 (53)-29; Jinhao/Xu Jianhao bt Advani/Mehta 96 (81)-7; Hailong lost to Advani 12-73 (62); Jinhao bt Mehta (60-22).

Sriram stars for Reds: Sriram SB netted a hat-trick to power Reds United FC to a comfortable 6-0 win over ISRO FC in the BDFA 'C' Division League football championship in Bengaluru on Tuesday. **Results: Gp 9:** Reds 6 (Vishal SujayKumar 2, Sriram SB 7, 23, 51, Titus Gabriel 43, Shuchith N 58) bt ISRO 0. **Gp 10:** B'lore Boys 0 drew with Tilak Memorial 0; Vinayaka 0 drew with B'lore Mars FC 0. **Gp 11:** B'lore Youngsters FC 7 (Aravind K 7, 35, Eldoh PP 8, 11, Renal Ranshad EV 9, Lalitha Kumar S 32, Muhammed Sajal 36) bt BHEL (EDN) FC 0. IISc 4 (Akash Krishnan T 11, Wangshit Emjen Ozukum 40+1, 41, Rabin Francies 43) bt C2 FC 1 (Milind Francies 45). **Gp 12:** Young Gems FC 6 (Leki Wa 0 Mukum 24-pen, 36, Darshith Sanju 29, 30+1, Sai Krishana KP 32, Alan J 45) bt Bagal Kunte FC 0; Jolly Bro FC 2 (Muhammed Nafih 6, 14) bt Excelsior FC 0.

Football trials: The KSFA will conduct trials on June 18 & 19 at the Football Stadium to select the state team for the Sub-Junior Girls Nationals. City players born between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2014, should report at 7 am with a copy of the birth certificate and Aadhaar card.

India seek polish before power tests

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IN FORM: Deepti Sharma

Deepti Sharma's five-wicket masterclass ensured India began their ICC Women's T20 World Cup campaign on the right note, but Harmanpreet Kaur's side will know there is still room for improvement when they take on the Netherlands, who are T20 World Cup debutants, in their second group fixture in Headingley on Wednesday.

India's objective will extend beyond collecting another two points. This is a chance to tighten a few loose ends, give the batting group more time in the middle and build momentum before the sterner challenges that await later in the league stage. The Pakistan game eventually turned into a comfortable 64-run win but for parts of the contest, India were made to work harder than the final margin suggested. Pakistan reached 52/1 in the Powerplay while chasing 171, a phase that underlined India's need for sharper early control with the ball.

Against stronger sides, such starts could prove far more expensive. The batting unit, too, has unfinished business. Smriti Mandhana produced a composed 68 at the top while Richa Ghosh once again showcased her ability to shift gears in the latter stages with a brisk cameo. Harmanpreet contributed 36 but India will still want more from the lineup as a whole. Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues and the middle order will be eager to spend valuable time in the middle and get into rhythm as the tournament gathers pace.

If the batting and fielding left scope for improvement, the spin department offered plenty of encouragement. Deepti turned the Pakistan game decisively in India's favour with career-best figures of 5/10, while young left-arm spinner Shree Charani continued her impressive start to international cricket with three wickets. Together, they gave India the control and wicket-taking threat that could remain central to their campaign.

The pace attack, meanwhile, is still searching for early penetration. Arundhati Reddy and Kranti Gaud were unable to make decisive inroads with the new ball against Pakistan and will be keen to make a stronger impact against a less experienced Dutch batting lineup.

For the Netherlands, the challenge is substantial. Their first appearance at the Women's T20 World Cup began with defeat against Bangladesh, despite Babette de Leede's half-century helping them post 139/8. They will need a marked improvement across departments to trouble one of the tournament favourites. India, however, will view this contest through a different lens. With South Africa, Bangladesh and Australia still to come, Wednesday's match presents an opportunity to correct flaws, test combinations if required and move into the tougher stretch of the group stage with greater assurance.

A second straight win will be expected. What India will be looking for, though, is a performance that leaves far fewer questions unanswered.

On Tuesday: Brief scores: New Zealand: 150/6 in 20 overs (Melie Kerr 45, Sophie Devine 45; Kavisha Dilhari 2-35) lost to **Sri Lanka: 153/5 in 19.4 overs** (Chamari Athapaththu 27, Nilakshika Silva 54n.o; Nensi Patel 2-4).
Live, Star Sports, 7 pm

Versatile Rahul key to WC plans

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ALL SET: KL Rahul

Lucknow: For Shubman Gill-led Team India, who play Afghanistan in the second ODI at the Ekana Stadium here on Wednesday, this series is also an early marker on the road to the 2027 ODI World Cup. The immediate target is a series win but the larger canvas is already clear. In that context, every role and every combination will be examined closely. Beyond Gill and a few established names — fitness and form permitting — not many can take their World Cup places for granted. That makes this Afghanistan series an audition space.

SECOND ODI

While the focus will remain on Rohit Sharma, who continues to make his case against age and scrutiny, one player who appears to be strengthening his World Cup credentials is KL Rahul. For a large part of his career, Rahul was viewed primarily as a top-order batter. Over the last few years, he has transformed himself into one of India's most dependable middle-order options in ODIs. His overall numbers in the format are impressive but his record at No. 5 has been significant. He has provided stability, acceleration and most importantly, versatility.

The Karnataka batter can absorb pressure when early wickets fall, rebuild an innings without panic and still find the gears required for a late surge. In a format where tempo management can decide matches, Rahul's ability to move seamlessly between consolidation and counterattack gives India a rare cushion. His recent form has only strengthened that case. After scoring a composed century in the one-off Test against Afghanistan in New Chandigarh, Rahul produced a sharp cameo in the first ODI in Dharamshala, finishing unbeaten on 39 off 19 balls to hasten India's chase in a rain-shortened, 25-overs-a-side contest. "Rahul adapts to conditions and formats quickly, as he has proven in these two games," India's spin bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule said, adding, "If you send him at any number, he is somebody who will perform for you. He understands the situation. He will be an important member of the team."

Rahul handed over the wicketkeeping gloves to Ishan Kishan in the opening ODI but his remains multi-dimensional. Whether he keeps wickets or plays as a specialist batter, his presence gives India flexibility. When Virat Kohli returns to the mix, that flexibility could become even more important as India work out how to fit experience, youth and role-specific options into a balanced XI.

India's seven-wicket win in Dharamshala had several positives. Gill's unbeaten 84 underlined his command at the top while debutants Gurnoor Brar and Harsh Dubey made immediate impressions with the ball. Yet Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz showed, with a blistering 48-ball hundred, that the visitors have enough quality to punish any loose spells. That is why Wednesday's game will not be treated merely as a formality.
Live, Star Sports, 1.30 pm

AKASH, LINEYSHA CLINCH GOLD

Bengaluru: Karnataka's **Akash Mani** and Lineysha won gold medals on the opening day of the 79th Senior National Aquatics Championship in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.
Akash won the men's 100m freestyle in 50.4 seconds while Lineysha took the top honours in women's 50m breaststroke clocking 33.51s. The state women's team also set a new meet record in 4x100m freestyle. The quartet comprising Nina Venkatesh, Tanishi Gupta, Rujula S and Dhinidhi Desinghu clocked 3:53.45s to erase the previous mark of 4:01.83s set by Railway Sports Promotion Board in 2024.

SWIMMING

Results (K'taka medallists): Men: 100m freestyle: 1. Akash Mani (50.4s); **200m Medley:** 2. Shoan Ganguly (2:05.32). **Women: 1500m freestyle:** 3. Sri Charani Tumu (17:49.09); **50m breaststroke:** 1. Lineysha (33.51s); 3. S Lakshya (33.84); **4x100m freestyle:** 1. Karnataka (Nina Venkatesh, Tanishi Gupta, Rujula S, Dhinidhi Desinghu) 3:53.45s NMR (Old: RSPB, 4:01.83, 2024). TNN

Monterio best for feature

Mysuru: The Pradeep Annaiah-trained Monterio, to be ridden by Sai Kiran, looks set to win the Dr NM Srinivas Memorial Trophy, the feature event at the summer races here on Wednesday. **1. The Kaginele Plate 1400M:** Cool Winter 1, City Of Hustle 2. **2. The Somwarpet Plate (Div II) 1100M:** Amazing Sultan 1, Truth In Wine 2. **3. The Talkshashila Plate 1600M:** Natural Diamond 1, Tigerking 2. **4. The Somwarpet Plate (Div I) 1100M:** Mr Karnataka 1, Theia 2. **5. The Loyal Prince Plate (Div II) 1200M:** Malet Spring 1, Dufy 2. **6. The Dr NM Srinivas Memorial Trophy 1400M:** Monterio 1, Mother's Grace 2. **7. The Loyal Prince Plate (Div I) 1200M:** Sherpa 1, Selfor Bullet 2. **8. The Sutlej Plate 1600M:** Seeking Alpha 1, Royal Baron 2.
Day's best: Monterio **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **Mini Jackpot:** 5, 6, 7 & 8. **First Treble:** 1, 2 & 3. **Second Treble:** 3, 4 & 5. **Third Treble:** 6, 7 & 8. TNN

RACE SELECTIONS

Vani eyes first win of the year

Bengaluru: Having lost in the second play-off hole last week in Mysuru, seasoned golfer Vani Kapoor will look to churn out another dominating performance as the eighth leg of the Women's Pro Golf Tour gets under way here on Wednesday.

Vani will set her eyes on her first title this year as she tees off at the Bangalore Golf Club alongside a strong field including Ridhima Dilawar, Tvesa Malik, Amandeep Drall and Jasmine Shekar.

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Missing out on the eighth leg will be Bengaluru-based golfer Anvitha Narender. The 20-year-old, who edged Vani for her second tour title, will miss the action as she is due to give her final exams.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru's Jasmine, currently second on the Order of Merit, having won the first tournament of the year, will return to the field after missing the Mysuru leg. The 57-player field, which includes 12 amateurs, will also feature Mysuru's Vidhatri Urs and Seher Atwal. TNN

Nagal defaulted from Challenger

India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal was defaulted from the ATP Challenger 100 event in Poznan, Poland, under circumstances that remain unclear. Nagal, 28, was trailing 4-6, 4-5 (0-15) in his first-round match against Czech teenager Petr Brunclik when the Indian brought to the notice of the chair umpire that the ball had landed wide on the second point of the game.

TENNIS

The 19-year-old from Prague was serving for the match in the 10th game when Nagal challenged the call on the far sideline. According to videos on social media, the ball mark confirmed Nagal's claim. However, chair umpire Joanna Grzegorczyk reportedly did not notice the Indian's challenge and did not leave her chair to inspect the mark.

What exactly happened next is not known. Nagal, who did not receive any prior code violations during the match, was subsequently defaulted.

TOI reached out to the tournament organisers, the player and the ATP for clarification, but did not receive a response at the time of publication. Following the match, Nagal took to social media to express his frustration over the quality of officiating. "Why do we players get penalised with money when we make mistakes and not chair umpires? Players have the added pressure of needing to win to make money," he wrote, adding, "umpires have comparatively less pressure because they don't need to win to get paid." TNN

Stephen's hat-trick powers Shlok

Bengaluru: Stephen Swami scored three goals as Shlok Hockey Club beat Falcon Hockey Club 4-1 in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League. Stephen was the star of the match. Shlok got off to a good start when Stephen scored the opening goal in the fifth minute. He added his second in the 14th minute with another field goal. Stephen then completed his hat-trick scoring from a penalty corner in the 22nd minute. Kartik Patare added the fourth goal for Shlok in the 47th minute. **Results:** Shlok 4 (Stephen Swami 5, 14, 22; Kartik Patare 47) bt Falcon 1 (Suresh 38); 'C' SC 4 (Srirama 5, Sami Rizwan 6, 20, Amit 30) bt Rainbow 1 (Viswa 35). TNN — **Hridya S**

India enter semifinal

Auckland: The Indian women's hockey team booked their place in the semifinals of the FIH Nations Cup after defeating Japan 2-1, with goals from captain Salima Tete and Lalremsiami proving decisive here on Tuesday. This was India's second win of the tournament. The win took their tally to six points. TNN

Focus on your game: BCCI

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Mumbai: In the wake of 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's on-field altercation with Sri Lanka A's Vishen Halambage during the one-day tri-series in Dambulla on Monday, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia urged India A players to remain focused on cricket and avoid distractions. "India A are playing a major tournament and all these youngsters are staking a claim for the senior team. They should concentrate on their game rather than getting distracted by collateral issues," Saikia told TOI on Tuesday.

TRI-SERIES

"Our only concern is that they give their best and help India win the tri-series. At this stage, the players should focus solely on their cricket," he said. Asked if he had spoken to Sooryavanshi about the incident, Saikia said the BCCI does not interfere with the team's preparations during a tournament. "It is not our duty to speak to players on such matters."

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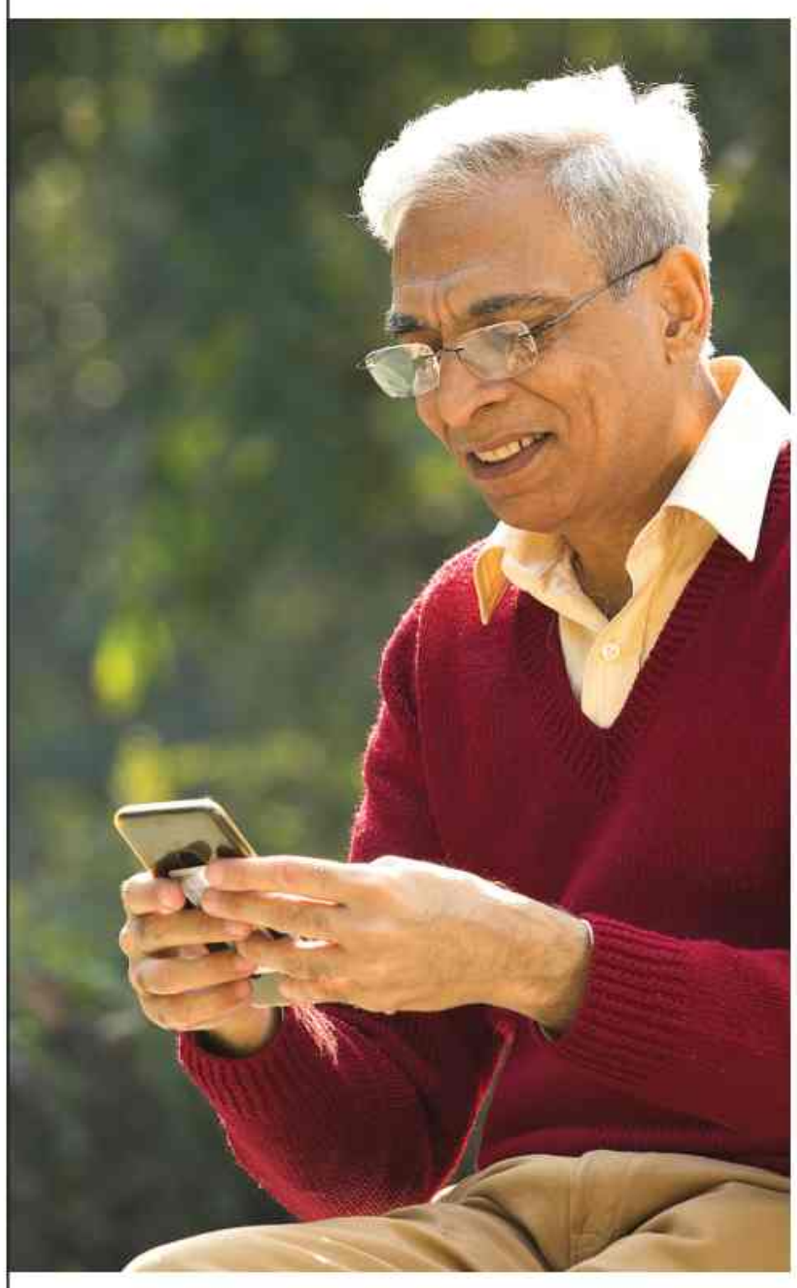

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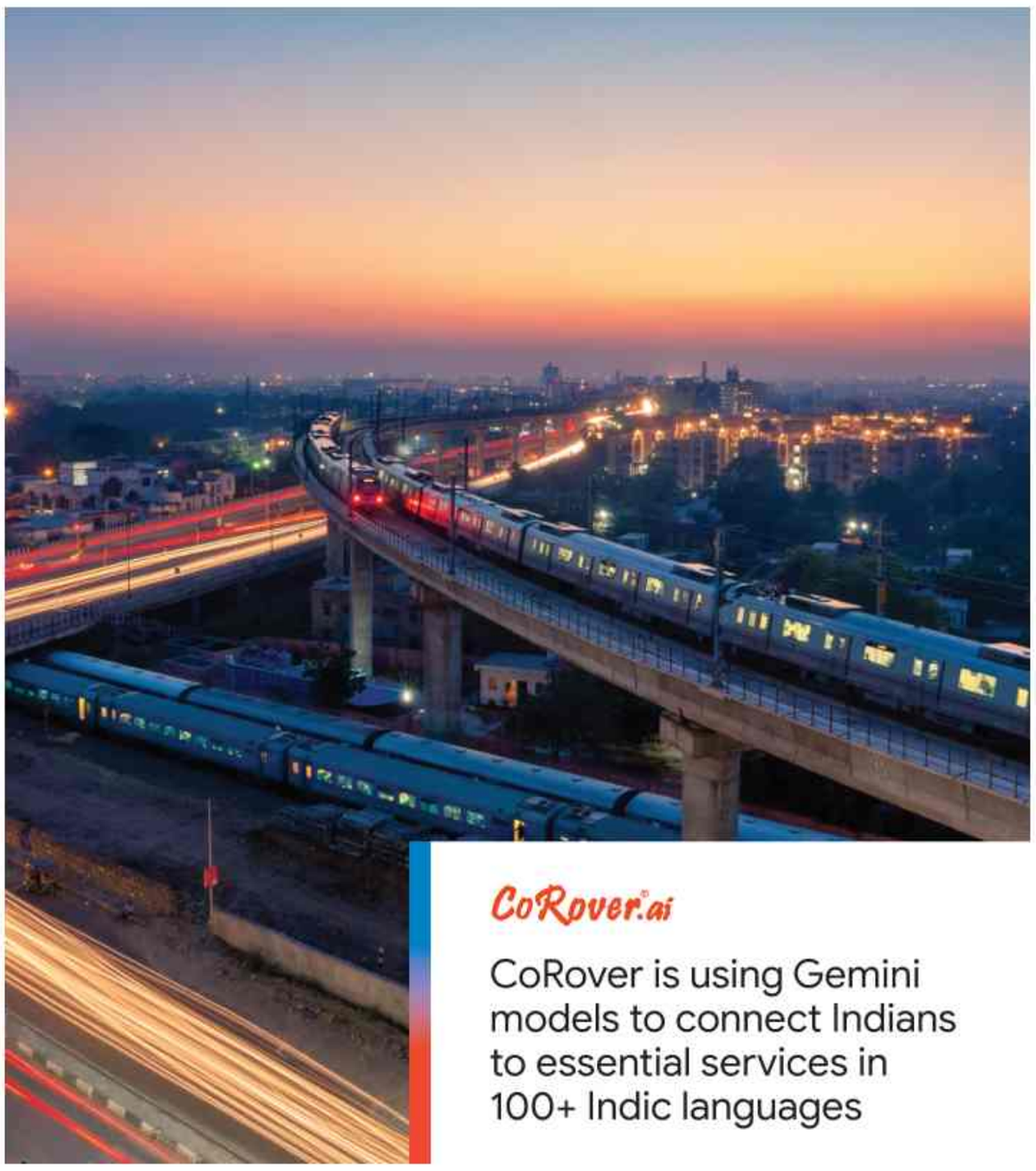

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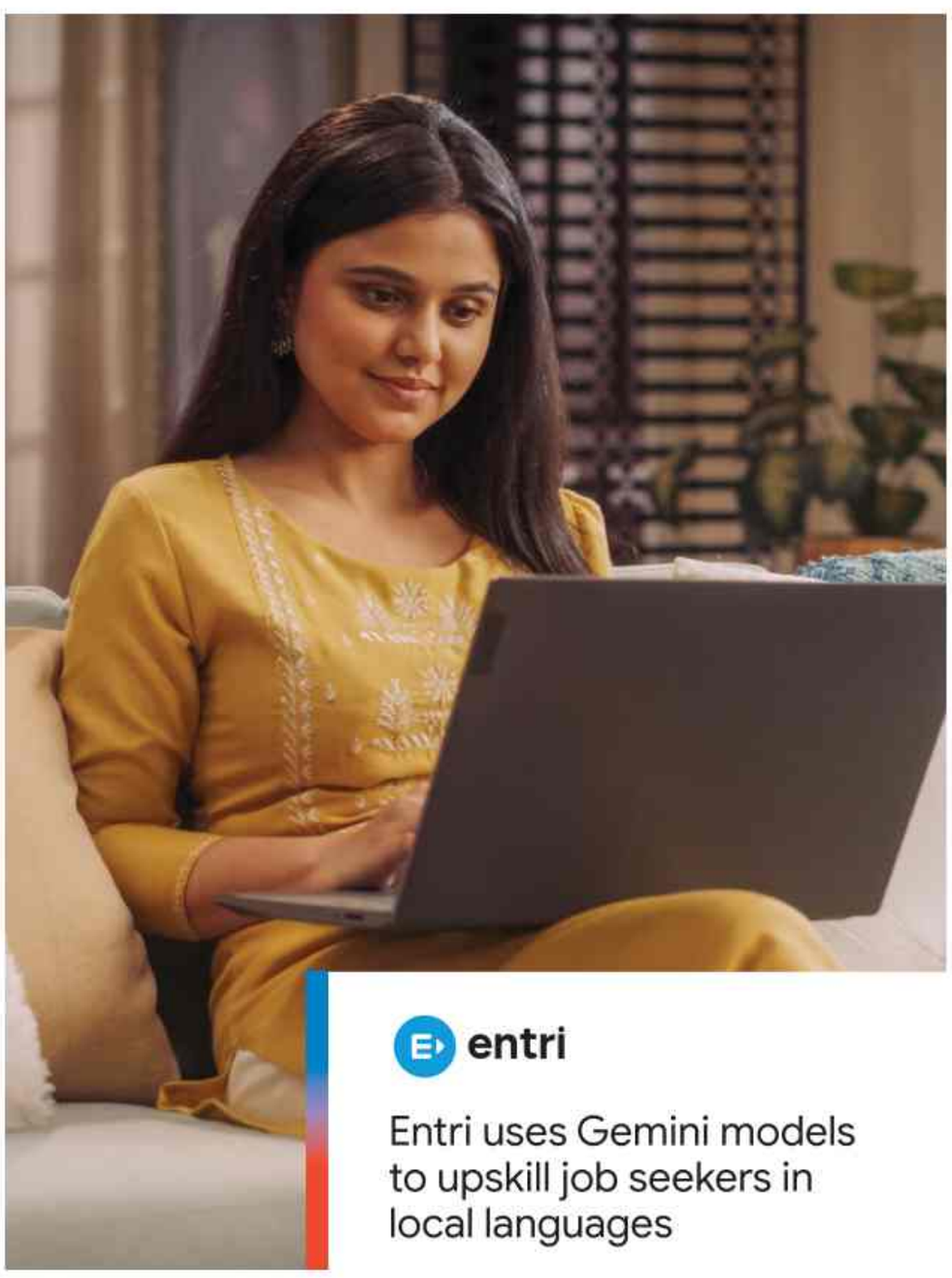

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